

U.S. puts Waldheim on 'watch list'

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. has decided to put Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, accused by Jewish groups of participating in Nazi war crimes, on a "watch list." The move could make his entry into the U.S. more difficult, officials said yesterday.

Austria immediately recalled its ambassador for consultations.

"This decision...causes Austria deep dismay and is categorically rejected," Foreign Minister Alois Mock said in a statement after the Justice Department announced its decision.

Mock said the U.S. measure did not accord with a single European legal convention on evidence and proof.

The Jerusalem Post correspondent in Vienna, Bona Henry, reports that Waldheim will not react until he gets the full text of the decision according to Mock.

Mock also said that a question mark now hangs over the projected visit next month to the U.S. by Austrian Chancellor Franz Vranitzky. But the decision will not be made hastily, and when it is, the government, which is a coalition, will act unanimously, he said.

The decision on Waldheim was taken by Attorney-General Edwin Meese on the advice of the State Department's Legal Affairs Bureau.

It does not mean the former secretary-general cannot obtain a visa to enter the U.S., but if he applies he can only get one after an investigation into the accusations.

Waldheim has not sought to come to the U.S., but as Austria's president it would be customary for him to make a visit at some point.

Until a year ago, Waldheim maintained that he

was discharged from the German Army after suffering a war wound on the Russian front in 1941.

However, records uncovered in 1986 by the World Jewish Congress indicated that Waldheim had spent the remainder of the war as a German Army intelligence officer in the Balkans.

For much of the period, he was on the headquarters staff of Army Group E, whose troops massacred thousands of suspected underground partisans and civilians in Yugoslavia and deported tens of thousands of Jews from Greece to Nazi death camps. Group E's commander, Gen. Alexander Loher, was hanged for war crimes in 1947.

Waldheim has denied he was involved in any reprisals against Yugoslav partisans and says he had no knowledge of the deportation of Jews from Salonika.

Shamir urged: 'Don't block peace'

Peres swings U.S. behind conference

By BENNY MORRIS in Jerusalem
WOLF BLITZER in Washington

Foreign Minister Peres has succeeded in persuading the Reagan administration to support his formula for an international peace conference, and the administration had begun urging Prime Minister Shamir not to block this avenue to Middle East peace.

U.S. officials confirmed yesterday that Secretary of State George Shultz and other administration officials were trying to encourage the emergence of a unified Israeli stance



French Premier Jacques Chirac with Prime Minister Shamir on his arrival at Paris' Orly Airport yesterday. (AFP)

Shamir: Paris 'sceptical'

By MICHEL ZLOTOWSKY in Paris
MENACHEM SHALEV

and BENNY MORRIS in Jerusalem
and YAA'ACOV FRIEDLER in Haifa

Prime Minister Shamir said in Paris yesterday that he had encountered scepticism in the French capital on whether an international conference on the Middle East would ever convene.

"Prime Minister Jacques Chirac had not agreed with his opposition to the peace conference, Shamir told newsmen covering his visit to France. "But Chirac added, 'Why disagree on something that will never happen anyway?' Shamir re-

counted. Vice Premier Peres, meanwhile, told The Jerusalem Post in Haifa yesterday, "If the government cannot decide on the international conference, the people will."

Addressing Labour Party activists in Tel Aviv, Peres charged that opposition to the conference was being used as a "crude, made-to-order pretext" for avoiding peace negotiations.

Shamir, who met with the French premier for two hours on the first day of his four-day official visit to France, said that Chirac had

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Prompt reaction to strident PNC criticism

Egypt closes all PLO offices

By YEHUDA LITANI
and ELAINE FLETCHER

Jerusalem Post Reporters

CAIRO. — President Hosni Mubarak's government yesterday shut down all PLO offices in Egypt in what appeared to be the most serious Egyptian-PLO crisis since Anwar Sadat's peace initiative with Israel.

However, while closing the offices, Egypt did not specify whether PLO officials would also be expelled. The official silence on this point seemed to indicate a desire to leave some avenue open for continued dialogue with the organization. That dialogue has been a cornerstone of Mubarak's Middle East peace policy since he assumed office.

The Egyptian-PLO quarrel must be seen against the backdrop of new reconciliation efforts between Yasser Arafat and Syria, Egypt's hard-line rival in the Arab world.

It follows months of futile efforts by Mubarak to effect a reconciliation between Arafat and Jordan's King Hussein. Hussein closed the PLO's

offices in Amman last year after Arafat refused to go along with Hussein's peace moves by recognizing Security Council Resolution 242.

Egypt announced the closure of the PLO offices in an official statement read by Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid.

"The Arab Republic of Egypt has decided to close all offices of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the organizations belonging to it and will take the necessary measures related to this," Abdel-Meguid said.

Diplomatic sources said seven offices of the PLO and related agencies were covered by the order.

The closure order was in response to a PNC resolution, passed over the weekend, that referred to previous PNC and Arab League resolutions highly critical of Mubarak's government and of the 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

Abdel-Meguid said Egypt had cautioned the PLO leadership before and during the PNC meeting against taking actions prejudicial to

Egypt but to no avail. "It was imperative that Egypt should put an end to this lowly behaviour and confront this irresponsible position with the firmness dictated by the supreme national interest and by the necessity of preserving Egypt's dignity," he said.

Abdel-Meguid said that the PLO had "closed its eyes and ears to the parties that tried to humiliate the Palestinian people" — meaning Syria. Meanwhile, the PLO had responded to all of Egypt's sacrifices for the Palestinian cause "with ingratitude."

Abdel-Meguid said, however, that Egypt would continue to support the Palestinian struggle, but it would distinguish between the PLO leadership and the Palestinian people.

The PLO leadership was merely trying to reap a profit through maneuvers and conspiracies, he said. Egyptian newspapers also joined in the chorus of criticism.

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Peres casts scorn on Eban probe

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

Vice Premier Peres and Defence Minister Rabin yesterday criticized the Knesset sub-committee investigating the Pollard spy scandal.

"Let them finally end their deliberations. Let them decide," Peres was heard saying sarcastically at a party for former chief of general staff Moshe Levy and his successor Rav-Aluf Dan Shomron. "We're trembling with fear," he added.

Peres's media adviser Uri Savir warned his boss that reporters were nearby, but the vice premier continued to cast scorn on the importance of the sub-committee and its chairman Abba Eban had assumed for themselves.

Rabin maintained that the sub-committee could not make any binding decisions, even regarding the operational echelon. He said that the manner in which the committee had operated did not give those who might be affected a reasonable chance to defend themselves. On the other hand, the rules regarding a state commission of inquiry stipulate that anyone who may be harmed by its findings will be shown the evidence against him.

This committee cannot be compared with the U.S. congressional committees investigating the Iranian affair. There, witnesses testified under oath, and had the right to refuse to testify, Rabin said. (See story, page 2)

Rosenne for Justice; Levy as envoy?

By MENACHEM SHALEV
and YEHUDA LITANI

Israel's ambassador to the U.S., Meir Rosenne, is the leading candidate for the recently vacated post of director-general of the Justice Ministry. The Jerusalem Post has learned.

And ex-Chief of Staff Moshe Levy is understood to be a candidate for the vacant ambassadorship.

The appointment of Rosenne, who is scheduled to leave Washington at the beginning of June, has been the subject of several discussions recently between Prime Minister Shamir and Acting Justice Minister Avraham Shafir.

The post became vacant last week when Meir Gabai was



Meir Rosenne

appointed civil service commissioner. Shafir had wanted Tel Aviv advocate Avraham Barir for the post; but this was opposed by the prime minister, on the grounds that Barir, a personal friend of Shafir's, might be unacceptable to Yitzhak Moda'i. Shafir still hopes to reinstate Moda'i at the Justice Ministry.

Rosenne, considered a "hawk" but lacking clear party identification, has yet to give his final agreement to the proposed appointment. He has served in Washington since 1983, and previously served for four years as Israel's ambassador to France. Rosenne's legal expertise is in the field of international law. He served as legal adviser to the Foreign Ministry between 1971 and 1979 and participated in the negotiations on the post-Yom Kippur War disengagement agreements, the Camp David accords and the Israel-Egypt Peace Treaty.

Shafir's approval for a replacement for Rosenne has been linked to the removal of Labour's veto on Moda'i's reinstatement.

Golan-Globus empire 'on brink of collapse'

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Cannon, the film empire run by Israeli Menachem Golan and Yoram Globus, is teetering on the brink of collapse, according to an independent study of the company. Figures received by The Jerusalem Post confirm that Cannon films have had little success at the box office so far in 1987, and that the company is carrying almost half a billion dollars in "film costs" incurred in the making of its films. This is more than any other film company.

Cannon, however, has denied that it is close to collapse, with a Cannon director telling The Post that he expects the company to recover in the next two months from its present shaky financial condition.

Cannon is more than a week late in announcing its figures for the last quarter of 1986, and has already admitted publicly that the quarter will show "substantial losses."

If, as many expect, those losses are in the order of \$100 million or more, the company's equity value will fall below the \$37m. mark. A clause in its share-issue agreements would require it to begin paying back the principal \$207m. it has raised from share investors, Andrew Yule, author of a just-published book on Cannon, told The Post.

"That would be curtains for Cannon," said Yule, an independent film historian whose Hollywood A Go-Go is published in London by Sphere Books. He added that it was "extremely unlikely" that Cannon would continue to operate after mid-May — by which time its final 1986 figures would be released, and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) investigation into its operations would be close to completion.

"But if, somehow, they are able to continue operating, they will be only a shadow of the company they are now," he added.

"We used to say that only a hit like Star Wars could turn Cannon around. Now they need about five Star Wars on the trot if they are to be saved," said Yule.

But Barry Jenkins, a Cannon director and head of its British operation, told The Post yesterday that he believed Cannon "has a long-term future."

He admitted that the company has been facing "considerable financial trouble since November," but added that "Cannon is now sorting itself out. We have to do a couple of months more of belt-tightening and watching the pennies, but I'm sure the future will be progressive."

"We have had cash flow prob-

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Major operator cancels winter packages

Britons cooling off Eilat

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — British tour operators Wings have cancelled package tours to Eilat this winter, sparking fears that other British holiday firms may follow suit and pull out of the increasingly expensive Eilat market.

"Eilat hoteliers have raised their sterling prices by about 20 per cent, so Eilat is simply no longer a competitively priced holiday resort for us," Wings spokesman Ian Saunders told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

"Most package tour operators in the UK are now taking a long hard look at Eilat," he added, "to determine whether it can still be a profitable location for them."

In past years, Wings has booked weekly winter flights to Eilat and weekly summer flights to Tel Aviv,

but Saunders said the high hotel prices were forcing a rethink on the Tel Aviv packages as well, although no decision had yet been taken.

"We would love to develop Eilat for the UK market," he stressed, "but at these prices the Canary Islands, for example, work out at about £100-200 cheaper for the holidaymaker."

Rafi Baeri, head of the Israel Government Tourist Office here, told The Post that he was "very sorry to see Wings cancel. Wings is about the fourth biggest tour operator in the UK."

"Horizon [another tour operator] stopped offering tours to Israel in 1982 and still hasn't returned to the market, so I fear that Wings may stay out of the Eilat market for some years."

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Munich	10	15	44
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Safed	46	4-17	22
Haifa Port	46	4-17	22
Tiberias	49	9-23	38
Nazareth	48	7-22	27
Afula	48	7-22	27
Santaria	35	6-20	26
Tel Aviv	34	11-20	25
B-G Airport	32	8-20	27
Jericho	35	9-26	32
Gaza	36	10-19	24
Beersheba	32	6-21	28
Eilat	13	13-29	33

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Communications Ministry has prepared a special postmark to honour tomorrow's 27th Convention of the Israel Lions Clubs. The seal will be issued at the new post office at the Tel Aviv Country Club.

Canadian ambassador James Bartleman was the guest speaker yesterday at the luncheon session of the first annual conference of the Israel Association for Canadian Studies, held at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.



Aluf Amram Mitzne

War critic gets top job

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Aluf Amram Mitzne, who came close to putting his job on the line because of his opposition to the Lebanon war, will be the next O/C Central Command. Next month he will replace Aluf Ehud Barak who is slated to become the deputy chief of general staff.

These personnel changes will also affect Tat-Aluf Giora Rom, who is slated to follow Mitzne as assistant to the chief of the General Staff Branch. Rom an Air Force officer, had been commander of the Tel Nof airbase and returned there briefly after Aluf-Mishne Aviem Sella resigned in the wake of the Pollard spy scandal. He is to retain the rank of Tat Aluf.

Mitzne made headlines in September 1982 after a general staff meeting at which he reportedly insisted that Defence Minister Ariel Sharon step down. He reported on the meeting to then prime minister Menachem Begin. When these moves failed, Mitzne asked to go on leave, saying he had lost confidence in Sharon.

But he relented when the Chief of General Staff Raphael Eitan told him it was unthinkable that the army involve itself in the appointment and dismissal of cabinet ministers.

In other appointments approved yesterday, Aluf-Mishne Benzion Weiner of Kibbutz Deganya is to be Nahal's next commander. Defence Minister Rabin had wanted Weiner for the job partly because of his kibbutz background, while the former chief of general staff, Moshe Levy, had preferred Aluf Mishne Yirmiyahu Olmert. Olmert will head a unit in the IDF Manpower Branch.

Seeking Attacker - NIS 2,000 Reward

On March 17, 1987 I was violently attacked, after I had been sprayed in my face, on a street in Shimon Vitzkin, Kfar Saba at 10 a.m. My passport and some of my money were stolen from me.

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Menachem Jakobi

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Deportation order for Bir Zeit student leader

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

OC Central Command Ehud Barak has ordered the deportation of the head of the Bir Zeit University student council, Marwan Barghout, for organizing violent demonstrations at the campus as a senior Fatah activist.

Barghout, 28, of Kaubar village near Ramallah, was arrested on Sunday night and is being held at the central West Bank prison at Jneid, near Nablus. Barghout can appeal the deportation order to a military review board and the High Court of Justice.

He is accused of "inciting violent demonstrations and widespread disturbances on and off the campus, and organizing activities to promote the aims of the Fatah organization," an IDF spokesman said.

Barghout "maintained contacts with hostile elements inside and outside the (West Bank) area in order to organize and coordinate his activities," the spokesman said.

Barghout was "a force behind a very large number of demonstrations, meetings and nationalist happenings at Bir Zeit University," he said.

Barghout was elected this year as student council chairman, when he led a pro-Fatah list in campus elections. He had previously served as student council head in 1985 and was first elected to the council in 1984.

State seeks 'deal' in Nafsu appeal

By MENACHAM SHALEV
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Government attorneys are more and more convinced that the Supreme Court appeal of Izat Nafsu is virtually indefensible and consequently they are seeking a "deal" with Nafsu and his attorney in order to avoid a police probe of the Shin Bet investigators who interrogated him.

Attorney-General Yosef Harish, backed by Shin Bet, has proposed that the state not contest all or most of the points raised in Nafsu's appeal — which would probably result in his immediate release.

In return, Nafsu and his lawyer, Arieh Kanan, have been asked to give assurances that they will not press charges against the Shin Bet operatives who investigated Nafsu.

The appeal of Nafsu, a former IDF lieutenant who was sentenced in 1981 to 18 years' imprisonment on charges of treason and espionage, and who claims that he was framed, is due to be heard by the Supreme Court on May 24. On May 10 the High Court of Justice is due to hear Nafsu's petition to lift the secrecy order that has been imposed on his appeal.

Pollard panel to focus on aftermath of arrest

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The Foreign Affairs Defence sub-committee investigating the Jonathan Pollard affair will focus its criticism on the actions and omissions of cabinet ministers after Pollard was arrested, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

The sub-committee is expected to complete its report soon after Independence Day. Only a small part of the report will be made public.

Prime Minister Shamir, Vice Premier Peres and Defence Minister Rabin will get copies of the full report. It is likely that all 10 members of the inner cabinet will also get the full report; but Abba Eban, who is heading the investigation has reportedly not yet decided whether to give the full report to all members of his Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

The sub-committee is not expected to criticize the fact that Pollard's name and position were not known to the political echelon. Traditionally, the minister responsible for a particular security agency is not supposed to know the identities of agents.

Pollard gave thousands of classified documents from U.S. naval intelligence to his Israeli contacts, who worked for the Defence Ministry's Lekem scientific liaison bureau headed by Rafi Eitan. Lekem was disbanded after Pollard was arrested and Eitan was removed from the Defence Ministry. Eitan's former political patron, Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, appointed him chairman of the board of Israel Chemicals.

Ramadan begins

The month of Ramadan, when Moslems fast from sunrise to sunset, begins today. The start of Ramadan is set by religious leaders who wait for the sighting of the new moon; in Israel and the territories Moslems wait for the announcement from neighbouring Arab countries.

Moslems all over the world refrain from eating or drinking during the daylight hours throughout the holy month.



Famous rock group Santana, and entourage, on arrival in Israel yesterday for performances here. (Hanoch Guthmann)

Expert sticks to his guns

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Police documents expert Chief Superintendent Amnon Bezalet, on his fourth day on the witness stand in the Demjanjuk trial, yesterday reiterated that in his opinion the signatures on the Trawalki ID card were genuine and that the card as a whole was not a forgery.

Early in the day, defence counsel John Gill ran afoul of court president Dov Levin, who chided him for asking questions that were meaningless or had been asked before.

"How much more time do you need? There is a limit to cross-examination, even in an important trial like this," Levin said.

Gill replied: "My questions are aimed at testing the credibility of the witness. In their totality, they will all add up."

Levin: "We are experienced judges and we know all this. Yet I stand by the request to be brief."

The exchange had been brought on by Gill asking the witness about the various type fonts used on the ID card.

Gill spent a lot of time confronting Bezalet with what he said where significant differences in the Demjanjuk signed his name on the ID card and on some of the other 15 samples submitted for analysis. In this process, Gill took the witness over each letter and over each stroke in each letter.

The process was often unintelligent. (Continued on Page 9)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rabin nixes Herut youth march

TEL AVIV. — Defence Minister Rabin has decided to prevent Herut youngsters from organizing a march to Joseph's Tomb in Nablus and to a nearby historical site on Independence Day next week, but authorized a march through other sections of the West Bank.

A well-placed defence source told *The Jerusalem Post* the Herut group had requested permission to march from Aluf Menashe on the Kalkilya-Nablus road to Karbet Shomron, Kedumim, Nablus and Ariel. Prime Minister Shamir is to address the marchers in Ariel.

Rabin approved the route except the visit to the tomb and adjacent Tel Balata "to prevent friction with the local residents," the sources said.

Liver transplant girl deteriorating

LONDON. — Four-year-old Moran Kadosh from Ramat Gan was yesterday transferred to the intensive care unit of Kings College Hospital, and doctors said her condition was deteriorating daily.

Moran, who was flown to London last Wednesday for a liver transplant, has been placed at the top of the "urgent list," circulated to hospitals in the UK and Europe, of those requiring liver transplants.

Moran is the daughter of a 29-year-old printer. Her ticket to London was paid by Abie Nathan, and passengers on her El Al flight contributed NIS 118,000 towards her expenses.

15-year-old found hanging

CARMIEL (Itim). — A 15-year-old boy from Carmiel was found dead yesterday in an apparent suicide. The boy was found hanging by the neck by his mother, who is several months pregnant.

Police said the boy left a note which said he was killing himself for family and economic reasons.

Japhet won't hear ex-wife's claim

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Former Bank Leumi chairman Ernest Japhet will not come to Israel for the first stage of his divorced wife's case against him in the Tel Aviv District Court next September. She is suing him for half his wealth and income.

Japhet's lawyer submitted yesterday that it would be inconvenient for his client, currently in the U.S., to come to Israel, and the court agreed that the first stage of the case could proceed without him.

The bank chief resigned in the wake of the Bejski Commission report on the bank share manipulation. There was a public outcry over the amounts he was awarded in severance pay and as a pension.

500 honour Ida Nudel

By LOUIS RAPOPORT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has vowed to continue pressing the Soviet government to allow Ida Nudel to emigrate to Israel.

Thatcher's message of support for the former Prisoner of Zion, who has been a refugee for 16 years, was read last night to an overflow audience of over 500 who filled Wizo headquarters here to mark Ida Nudel's 56th birthday.

During a dramatic direct telephone call to Nudel in the Moravian town of Bendery, Ambassador Squire conveyed his government's best wishes and emphasized that "we're still working on your case."

Haim Aharon said: "All Israel is celebrating your birthday." Singer Naomi Shemer, who took part in the programme and Peace Ship owner Abie Nathan were among a dozen others who also spoke to Nudel in English.

Sharansky, speaking to his old friend "Idishka" in Russian, managed to make Nudel laugh twice.

Later, he said that he had told Nudel, "I owed you, because of all the letters and packages you sent to me in prison, so now I'm giving you a call."

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L'Ecole Biblique et Archéologique Française

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Rabin scores idea of talks with PLO

Post Middle East Staff and agencies

Defence Minister Rabin said yesterday that Labour Party members who think negotiations with the PLO are possible "had better wake up and forget such illusions."

Labour minds should be focused on Jordan, Israel's only proper partner in negotiations, Rabin said.

Rabin, who addressed a Labour Party think-tank called the Long-Term Forum, also said that PLO leader Yasser Arafat had dropped the word "secular" from PLO descriptions of its envisioned Palestinian state because he wants to cooperate with Islamic extremists.

PLO expert Matti Steinberg, contacted yesterday by *The Jerusalem Post*, said the PLO had never referred to its proposed state as "secular."

Meanwhile, Minister-without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman (Labour) said yesterday that he accepted an invitation to meet Arafat at the United Nations, but he set conditions. Arafat was unlikely to meet.

Arafat on Sunday told Radio Monte Carlo he was willing to meet with Weizman. It was the first time the PLO leader publicly stated his readiness to meet with an Israeli cabinet minister.

"Minister Weizman has not heard the interview, but he has no problems about meeting Arafat," spokesman Arye Shumer said. "Weizman's only condition is that Arafat must renounce terrorism and accept Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338," Shumer said.

Last week Weizman said Israel would ultimately have to negotiate with the PLO, a statement which apparently sparked Arafat's remarks to Radio Monte Carlo.

PLO

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"The PLO leadership does not want to reach a (Middle East) solution. It is happy with the current state of affairs... Let the thousands of innocent souls of Palestinians go to hell as long as the leadership is content with its verbal struggle and fluctuating alliances," leading columnist Moussa Sabri said in the mass circulation daily *Al-Akhar*.

"Egypt does not need to be recognized by the PLO," he added.

In London meanwhile, *The Sunday Times* reported that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev had persuaded Syrian President Hafez Assad to attempt a reconciliation with the PLO.

Assad, on a recent visit to Moscow, was promised Soviet military assistance in the event of an Israeli attack provided that he "acquiesces in the new Palestinian status quo," *The Sunday Times* reported.

A Palestinian official in Damascus predicted that a new PNC session might convene within three months in Syria to set the seal on a Syrian-PLO reconciliation.

The session could also bring several Damascus-based Palestinian groups still at odds with Arafat into the PLO's new unity pact, the official said.

He added that the resolutions adopted by the PNC, with the exception of its failure to "make a clean break" with Egypt and Jordan, were a "positive sign" and formed a "minimum platform for an inter-Palestinian meeting."

Meanwhile, well-informed Palestinian sources said a delegation of members of the PLO's new Executive Committee would shortly visit Damascus for reconciliation talks.

Earlier in Algiers, Arafat told a press conference that his quarrel with Syria was "a dispute between brothers." He said he had discussed improving relations with Damascus at a meeting on Sunday morning with Algerian president Chadli Benjedid.

However, Arafat refused to comment on reports of an upcoming visit by a Palestinian delegation to Damascus.

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The Municipal Ceremony of Lighting a Memorial Light and Wreath Laying

will take place in the presence of Deputy Mayor Nathan Welch at Beit Yed Lebanim at 8:30 p.m.

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NEW YORK. — The trial opened yesterday of Bernhard Goetz, the "subway vigilante," with a prosecutor declaring that Goetz was a sadist bent on killing when he shot four young black men he claimed tried to rob him on a subway train 2½ years ago.

Goetz is charged with attempted murder, reckless endangerment, assault and illegal possession of a dangerous weapon in the shooting of the four men.

Goetz sat at the defence table wearing a white shirt and blue jeans and an occasional smile as the prosecutor, Assistant District Attorney Gregory Waples, told the jury of eight men and four women he would play tapes of statements made by Goetz to police that prove he had intended to murder his victims.

Waples, calling the tapes "a window into the defendant's mind," said: "The four were shot not for what they did but because they were the kind of people he hated with a ferocious, all-consuming passion."

"He tried to kill them not as an act

Prosecution calls Bernhard Goetz a 'sadist'

Trial of 'subway vigilante' begins in NY

of self-defence but because the defendant has a twisted sense of values that tell him this was right, this was just."

He added: "These shootings were totally unnecessary, vicious, even sadistic acts."

On December 22, 1984, Goetz, who is white, shot four young black men aboard a subway car with an unlicensed .38 calibre pistol in front of 20 witnesses. He said that he acted in self-defence because he thought the four were about to rob him.

One of the four, 21-year-old Darrell Cabey, was left paralyzed from the waist down from the shooting. The other three have subsequently been convicted in unrelated cases.

Waples said he would show in particular detail that the shooting of

Cabey was "a cold-blooded act as far from being a legitimate act of self-defence as heaven is from hell."

Cabey was shot as he sat in the railway car, posing no threat to Goetz, Waples said.

The four men that he shot all have criminal records. Barry Allen, 21, and James Ramseur, 21, are currently serving prison sentences, and Troy Canty is in a drug rehabilitation programme. Cabey is living at home.

It will be up to the jury to sort out the contradictions, to separate the man and his actions from the romanticized, or apatheticized, myth of the subway vigilante.

The case has stirred national debate. To many Americans, he is seen as a victim. Some applaud him, saying crime-ridden New York



Bernhard Goetz

would be a safer place if more citizens followed his example. Others consider him a villain, and say a city of Bernie Goetzs would be a war zone.

"This thing is, well, it's bigger than me," Goetz said, weeks after he was propelled into the headlines.

Goetz insists he acted in self-defence. The four youths claimed Goetz shot them for no reason.

Revelations in previous court proceedings have cast doubt on both Goetz's stories and those of his victims.

Goetz told police he shot all four youths and then returned to Cabey. "You don't look so bad, here's another," he said, before shooting Cabey once again.

Cabey, who remains paralyzed

with brain damage, told *Daily News* columnist Jimmy Breslin that his friends intended to rob Goetz because "he looked like easy bait... he looked like he had money."

The witnesses for the trial are not decisive.

"Some of the witnesses can be seen from two different perspectives," said Mark Baker, one of Goetz's attorneys. He said the defence will call some of the witnesses on the prosecution's list if Waples fails to call them.

The first grand jury that heard the case refused to indict. A second grand jury did present an indictment but a judge dismissed it, citing faulty instructions to the grand jury and the possibility that Ramseur and Canty

gave false testimony. Last year, the charges were reinstated by the State Court of Appeals.

Goetz, 39, would seem to be an unlikely avenger. An electronics expert, he is shy and awkward.

But his moment of violence hit a national nerve. He appeared on the covers of *Time* and *People* magazines.

Hundreds of people contributed thousands of dollars to his defence. "I consider him a hero and think he should be given a ticker-tape parade down Broadway," said one anonymous donor.

The All-Peoples Congress, a civil rights group, noted that Goetz is white and the four youths he shot were black, and charged that "the media, politicians and cops have made Goetz into a hero by playing on people's fears and appealing to racism."

The trial is expected to last about a month. (Reuters, AP)

'Israeli, Hizbullah confrontation imminent'

Jemayel asks U.S. to help save South Lebanon

BEIRUT (AP). — President Amin Jemayel met U.S. Ambassador John Kelly yesterday seeking Washington's help to prevent an Israeli attack in South Lebanon to avenge terrorist raids by Palestinian and Iranian-backed Shi'ite Moslem militants, an official source said.

"The president discussed with Mr. Kelly what Washington can do to save the South," the source said.

Kelly did not refer to the situation in the South in his statement about the meeting.

The Lebanese source said Jemayel sought the meeting with Kelly "amid increased signs that a confrontation

is imminent in the South" between the Israelis and the militia of the Iranian-backed Hizbullah or Party of God.

"Hizbullah controls the sector of South Lebanon close to Israel. The Palestinians are not that active in the region... and do not enjoy the population's support," he said.

Iranian and Hizbullah leaders Sunday called for an escalation in the Jihad, or holy war, against Israel, heightening fears that the violence in South Lebanon will intensify.

Hizbullah spokesman Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah declared in Lebanon that Shi'ite fighters would "march to

Jerusalem. Israel should realize that it is facing another era, the era of Imam Khomeini."

A Hizbullah leader, Sheikh Subhi Tofaili, vowed that the militia will "keep up the struggle until Israel is removed from existence."

Hadi Afkahi, political adviser to Iran's embassy in Beirut, also called for "more attacks against Israel's security."

They spoke at rallies in the Shi'ite strongholds of East Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, as well as in South Lebanon and south Beirut to eulogize 19 Hizbullah men killed in a clash with South Lebanese Army and Israeli

soldiers on April 18.

The *Post Middle East* staff adds: Two special envoys of Lebanese Forces commander Samir Geagea reportedly visited Israel last week and met with former defence minister Ariel Sharon and the IDF's coordinator in South Lebanon, Uri Lubrani.

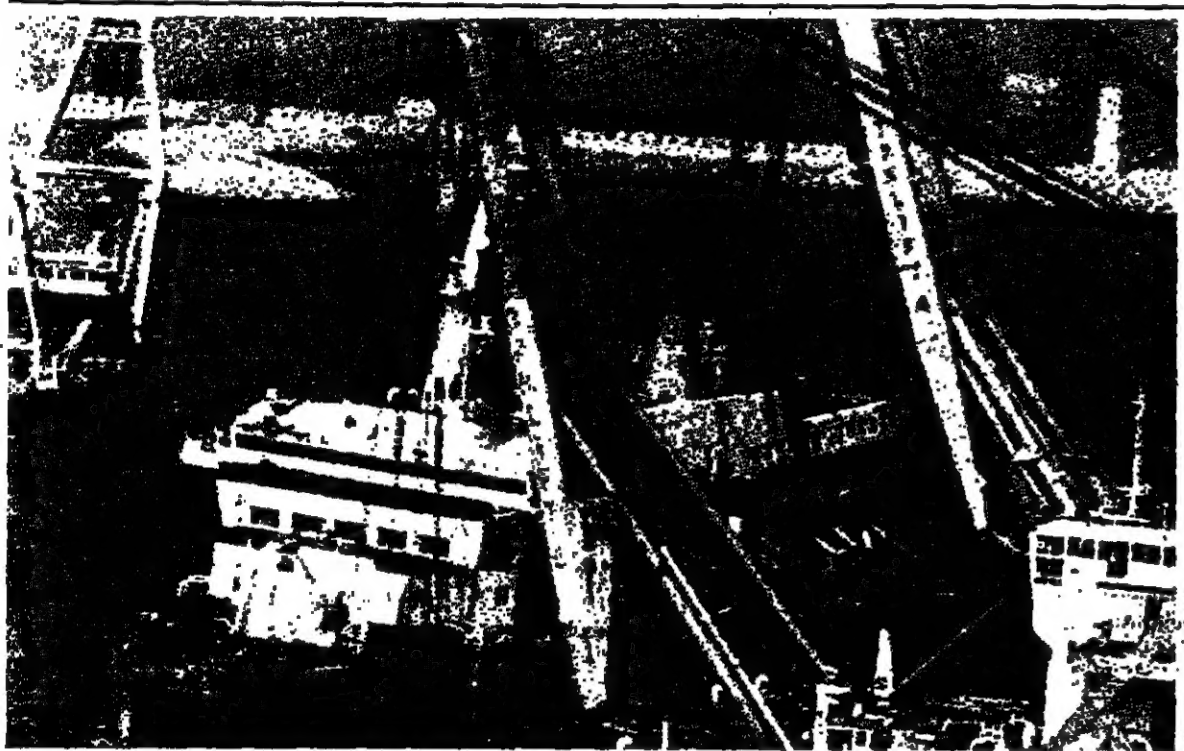
The two envoys expressed regrets that Lebanon's Christians had not sided more openly with Israel after its invasion of Lebanon, said the *Chicago Sun Times* in a report from its correspondent.

"We erred in the time of the struggle, by not taking Israel's side in

the battle and standing on the sidelines. It was a serious mistake," one of the envoys, Freddy Mor, a Geagea confidante, was quoted as telling the paper's correspondent Jay Bushinsky. The name of the other envoy was not revealed.

The West Beirut-based International News Agency reported last week that Samir Geagea's Christian militia had reached a new deal with Israel.

In a short communique, the agency said Geagea had informed his men that the alleged agreement "covered all aspects" and they had nothing to fear.



The Herald of Free Enterprise is hoisted by huge cranes into Zeebrugge harbour yesterday. (AFP photo)

Ferry sailed with 'doors wide open'

LONDON (Reuters). — Sloppy crew procedures aboard the Herald of Free Enterprise led to the British ferry setting sail from the Belgian port of Zeebrugge seven weeks ago with its bow doors wide open, a British government inquiry was told yesterday.

Minutes later, as tonnes of water poured through the open doors, the ship capsized and nearly 200 of the 580 passengers and crew aboard died in freezing waters.

Lawyer David Steel, representing the British government told the opening session of a public inquiry into the March 6 tragedy that the open doors provided "the only tenable explanation" of why the ship

should suddenly have capsized only a mile outside harbour in favourable weather.

The tribunal is headed by a judge assisted by four maritime experts.

Assistant bosun Marc Stanley, technically responsible for closing the ferry doors, dozed in his cabin as the water rushed in, apparently believing someone else had shut the doors for him, Steel said.

"A very sloppy system appears to have been developed on board where Mr. Stanley would usually not shut the doors," Steel said, adding that a similar system also operated on other ferries on the Townsend Thoresen line, which owned the Herald of Free Enterprise.

Steel, commissioner of wrecks for England and Wales, said there appeared to be a gap in British law, which nowhere stated officially that ships had to set sail with their doors closed.

In Zeebrugge, meanwhile the ferry was refloated and towed into port yesterday.

A few hours later, British and Belgian navy divers boarded the ship to search for some dozen bodies said to be still on the lower decks, officials said.

A spokesman for Zeebrugge naval base said that shortly after entering the ship, divers found two bodies, raising the disaster's confirmed death toll to 180.

Iran: 2,700 Iraqis killed or wounded in new offensive

NICOSIA (AP). — Helicopter-borne Iranian forces have advanced 25 kilometres into the mountains of northeast Iraq in a new Gulf War offensive, and killed or wounded 2,700 Iraqis, Iran's official news agency reported yesterday.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted military communiques as saying the Iranians have now "liberated" 41 villages and captured more than 250 square kms of eastern Sulaimaniyah province in heavy fighting.

The Islamic Republic News Agency said Iranian forces crossed the Qazel River northwest of the provincial capital yesterday in the second phase of the offensive launched before dawn Friday, and occupied the northern slopes of the Gamou and Shangkesh ranges.

Meanwhile, Iraq said its forces beat back an attempt on an Iraqi border post.

There was no independent confirmation of the claims by either side, which rarely allow foreign correspondents or other observers into the battle zones.

However, Iran's state-run television network, also monitored in Nicosia, broadcast film it said was taken just behind the front line showing heavily armed troops boarding assault helicopters in meadows high in the snow-streaked mountains to be airlifted into the attack.

Helicopters also hauled boxes of ammunition while other bearded fighters, some carrying portable kerosene heaters against the cold, trudged up mountain roads.

A commentary said the troops were advancing in the new offensive, codenamed Karbala-10, that was launched with lightning assaults through Iraqi minefields and other defences before dawn Friday.

Elderly Soviet women chase refuseniks

MOSCOW (AP). — Three Soviet Jews demonstrating here yesterday for the right to emigrate to Israel, were chased away by an angry group of elderly women, witnesses said.

The demonstration, led by Elazar Yossifovich, lasted 15 minutes. Before being chased away, the refuseniks, who also included Yossifovich's wife Katia and his brother Mikhail, were surrounded by a large group of old women shouting:

"Aren't you ashamed," "What's the use" and "Let's call the militia," or "uninformed police, the witnesses

added. Yossifovich, who has been seeking to emigrate to Israel since 1980, ended a 40-day-long hunger strike yesterday.

He explained to western correspondents that he had decided to end his fast after being told to "wait and be patient" by officials in charge of delivering exit visas.

He added that Soviet authorities had told him that his exit visa could not be granted because he had done his military service and therefore knew "military secrets."

Earnings from tourism down due to conflict

Separatists tell tourists to leave Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (AFP). — Tamil fighters have told foreign tourists to leave the island in the aftermath of last Tuesday's bomb blast which killed 109 people and injured more than

300. Ceylon Tourist Board director-general H.M.S. Samaranyake said here yesterday.

Telex messages telling foreigners to leave had been received by at least

two hotels in the south of the island, and "a couple" of people had been told by telephone to get out. Samaranyake said.

"Terrorists are trying to scare away tourists," he said.

The giant West German travel firm Touristik Union International, which brings some 20,000 visitors here every year on charter flights, has postponed its trips until June 5, the director-general said.

Two other major European tour

operators had reported to the tourist board receiving about 175 cancellations since the bomb went off in the heart of the capital, he added.

Samaranyake said the board had talked to about 20 British, French and German-speaking visitors at south coast resorts and "a couple of them" said they had received telephone calls.

The callers had told the foreigners: "Why don't you leave the place. Why are you here?" But there had been no threats to their lives, he added.

The resorts concerned were Hikkaduwa, the most popular southern holiday resort, Beruwala and Bentota, all within 50 kilometres of each other on the Indian Ocean.

In May 1986, 14 foreigners were killed aboard an Air Lanka plane blown up by Tamil separatists and in 1984 an employee of a five-star hotel in Colombo died in a blast.

More than 6,000 people have died in the island's ethnic conflict since it flared in mid-1983, effectively ending a tourist boom.

Since then arrivals have fallen each year with 231,000 last year, about 10 per cent down on the previous year, Samaranyake said. The Tourist Board hoped to maintain the number of visitors at around the same figure until the conflict is settled.

The Sri Lankan economy had done well on the tourist boom, which saw a 25 per cent annual increase in visitors from 1976-81, but the conflict ended that. Earnings from tourism last year were about \$90 million

compared to \$145m. in 1982, Samaranyake said.

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka's National Security Council met yesterday to review the military situation after five days of retaliatory raids against Tamil guerrillas in the north and east, officials sources said.

The meeting, chaired by President Junius Jayewardene, began shortly after the government's media centre claimed that 400 rebels had been killed since the air and ground offensive began last Wednesday.

The government holds the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) and its smaller ally, the Eelam Revolutionary Organization of Students (EROS), responsible for a Good Friday massacre of 127 people and the bomb blast in Colombo.

Official sources said the Security Council discussed whether to pursue the air strikes despite reported civilian casualties, and assessed the effects of the offensive on the LTTE and EROS.

The possibility of fresh bomb attacks by the separatists in retaliation for the air strikes was also raised at the meeting, the sources said.

Police yesterday evacuated hundreds of shoppers and workers from the same area where last Tuesday's bomb went off, witnesses and police said.

Newspapers reported that police were still trying to trace the whereabouts of more than 45 people still missing after the bomb went off. Medical authorities have said more than 20 mutilated bodies still have to be identified.

FOREIGN BRIEFS

EC leaders discuss crackdown on terrorism

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — European Community justice and interior ministers are in Brussels to discuss European and transatlantic cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

The ministers yesterday met with U.S. Attorney-General Edwin Meese. In a meeting today, the ministers are expected to order police forces throughout Europe to pass details of arms thefts in which terrorists are thought to be involved to all EC capitals, using a new secure communications network.

The ministers are also likely to press for tighter border checks on travellers carrying licensed guns, and to call for a conference in Britain this autumn on airport security.

'British agents plotted fall of Harold Wilson'

LONDON (AP). — Some 30 British intelligence officers plotted the fall of prime minister Harold Wilson's Labour government in the 1970s, the *Independent* newspaper reported yesterday.

The paper said its report was based on the unpublished memoirs of former British secret agent Peter Wright, 71, a copy of which it received from an anonymous source.

Wright is currently living in Australia, where the British government is waging a legal battle to block publication of *Spycatcher*, on the grounds of confidentiality.

The paper could face prosecution in Britain for its action under the official Secrets Act.

Lost film classics found in old Ohio barn

DAYTON, Ohio (AP). — A wealth of silent films made before 1925 was discovered in an old barn, many of which are classics that were considered lost, Library of Congress officials said.

Paul Spehr, assistant chief of the library's Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division, said workers have identified classics such as a comedy with Oliver Hardy, of "Laurel and Hardy" fame, playing the villain.

"We consider that almost any silent film found is an important find because almost nine out of 10 silent films produced in the U.S. are lost," Spehr said.

Former CIA director Casey in critical condition

GLEN COVE, New York (AP). — Former CIA director William Casey, 74, was in critical condition Sunday at a suburban New York hospital where he was admitted the day before for treatment of pneumonia, a spokeswoman said.

Casey underwent surgery for brain cancer in December.

Casey resigned as Central Intelligence Agency director for health reasons on February 2. He had been in the midst of lengthy congressional testimony about the CIA's role in the Iran-Contra scandal.

Farmer protests prices by self-immolating

KATERINI, Greece (AP). — A 60-year-old farmer committed suicide yesterday during a tobacco producers' demonstration by pouring gasoline over his clothes and setting himself alight, police in the northern town said.

The farmer was "desperate because he couldn't sell his tobacco," other farmers at the demonstration told local reporters.

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Church liberalizes on non-Christians

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In 1858, six-year-old Edgardo Mortara was abducted from his Jewish parents in Bologna by the Papal police and taken to Rome, where he was raised as a Catholic. Five years earlier, Mortara had been baptized by a Christian maid who feared he was about to die.

The case caused a universal outcry, but the Vatican refused to return Mortara, who eventually became a monk.

Despite drastic changes in canon law in the wake of Vatican II, the Church still permits children of non-believers to be baptized against their parents' wishes — if the child is in danger of dying.

This was reported yesterday by Monsignor Pietro Rossano, the rector of the Vatican's Università Gregoriana, who presented one of the opening lectures at the first international conference on "A member of Another Religion in Religious Law."

The conference, which is being held in Jerusalem and Haifa, is sponsored by the Hebrew University and Haifa University.

In reporting this element of Church law, which has remained a source of contention between Jews and Catholics, Rossano added that "in general the Church does not approve of this practice." He presented a long list of examples to show that canon law had evolved considerably in the light of new Church teachings.

Rossano noted that in rules laid down in 1917, priests and bishops were considered responsible for the non-believers within their jurisdiction. Now they are called to meet with the representatives of other faiths.

Formerly, he explained, the concept of "dialogue" was understood to mean conversations with non-Christians which would lead them to belief in the Gospel. Now, he said, canon law explicitly notes that non-Christians have the right not to be subjected to undue pressure in this area.

The conference, in which some 70 scholars from Israel and abroad are taking part is to continue in Jerusalem until Wednesday noon, when it moves to Haifa.



Ruth Connell Robertson of The Jerusalem Post is congratulated yesterday by Ma'ariv general manager Shimon Hefetz for receiving one of the 285 annual awards in many fields given this year by Ma'ariv for distinguished work. She has been a copy editor of The Post for the past 15 years. (Reuven Castro)

Independence Day salute to the arts

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 20th anniversary of the settlement of the Golan; the 50th anniversary of local civil aviation and the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra; the 70th anniversary of the Habimah Theatre and the 80th anniversary of the Bezalel School of Fine Arts will all be highlighted next Sunday night and throughout the next day as Israel marks 39 years of statehood.

Arts and culture comprise this year's Independence Day theme. The 12 people selected to light the beacons on Jerusalem's Mount Herzl are all representatives of the visual and performing arts. The first three, violinist Shlomo Bor, sculptress and painter Zahara Shatz and actor Shlomo Bar-Shavit represent the IPO, Bezalel and Habimah, respectively.

There will be several sporting events, and museums, theatres, and IDF bases will be open to the public. Ya'acov Shatz, director of the Israel Information Centre and chairman of the Committee for Independence Day Events, yesterday told a news conference in Jerusalem that the public had demonstrated over the

years that in addition to having picnics it liked to celebrate in other ways as well.

For energetic and adventurous people there is a wide choice of activities. Early in the morning, they can participate in the Golan 30th anniversary of settlement march. Afterwards they can go to Ben-Gurion Airport to see a display of aircraft. Later, they can either head for Habimah or go on to Jerusalem for the Bezalel happening or the theatrical improvisations at the Jerusalem Theatre and the Khan. The celebrations will culminate with the opening, on Monday night, of the Hapoel Games in Ramat Gan.

Shatz pointed out that Remembrance Day services for the fallen soldiers in Israel's wars will commence later than usual this year due to both the Sabbath and summer time. Since it does not get properly dark till after 8 p.m. and people attending the Western Wall service on Saturday night are coming from all over the country, the siren will not be sounded before 9:30 p.m.

Full details of Independence Day events will be advertised in all the daily newspapers.

New York councilman's protest draws fire from USSR

By WALTER RUBY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — A New York City councilman who formulated a bill forbidding companies with business dealings in the Soviet Union to do business with New York City has been told by a top Soviet official at the United Nations that his proposal could "damage" the plans of Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev to step up emigration of Soviet Jews and liberalize treatment of Jews within the USSR.

Nevertheless, councilman Noach Dear informed Dr. Igor Yakovlev, the senior counsellor of the Permanent Mission of the USSR to the UN, that he intends to press ahead with his bill. The bill is patterned on a measure passed by the City Council to disinvest in and stop doing business with companies connected with South Africa.

Dear, an Orthodox Jew from Boro Park, is best known for his strong opposition to a bill passed last year by the council mandating the end to discrimination against homosexuals. He was invited by Yakovlev to meet on April 2 after he sent a letter to Gorbachev demanding freedom for Soviet Jews.

According to Dear, Yakovlev, who

is a member of the UN Human Rights Commission, and is widely considered to be the No.2 figure at the Soviet mission to the UN asserted that *glasnost* (Gorbachev's liberalization policy) reflects a profound change in Soviet policy on the rights of minorities, and would lead to improved relations with the U.S. and Israel.

Iakovlev told Dear that under the new policy, it should become significantly easier for Jews to emigrate.

He invited Dear to submit a list of refusniks who he believed had been unfairly denied the right to emigrate and promised to give him a written reply on each case.

"When I informed Iakovlev that I intended to press ahead with my disinvestment bill," Dear said, "he became agitated and said that it could do damage to Gorbachev's reform efforts. He stressed there is strong opposition to what Gorbachev is attempting to do, and a bill like mine would strengthen the hardliners."

Dear added: "I am planning to push ahead with my bill. I believe that despite all the promises made by the Soviets to World Jewish Congress president Edgar Bronfman and

[National Conference on Soviet Jewry president] Morris Abram, which were reiterated to me by Iakovlev, we have to be cautious and continue to deal with the Soviets from a position of strength. One can believe only after seeing results. At the moment, I believe *glasnost* as it applies to Jews is a facade."

Dear's bill was introduced last year, and is presently under review. Its passage would have dramatic consequences, Dear said. "For one thing, we would no longer stock Pepsi-Cola in vending machines in city-owned buildings." Pepsi has several bottling plants in the Soviet Union.

While Dear said his bill had the support of a growing number of city councilors, it is strongly opposed by the business establishment and by some main-line groups like the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, which assert that it could cause the Soviet government to retaliate.

Dear, in turn, is sharply critical of the Jewish establishment. "I don't know who elected Abram and Bronfman to represent the Jewish community. The people in my district certainly don't feel that these men represent them."

Half-way house planned for schizophrenics

By JUDY SIEGEL
Post Science and Health Reporter

A one-time Jerusalem inn for camel caravans has been renovated to provide schizophrenics with a way out of lifelong hospitalization by living independently, but on hospital grounds.

The khan will be the home of two dozen mental patients at the Kfar Shaul government hospital, located on the site of the abandoned Arab village of Deir Yassin, (in the western suburbs of Jerusalem).

It is hoped that in a year or two the patients — aged 30 to 55 — will have rehabilitated themselves sufficiently to be able to move out and live on their own.

The transitional rehabilitation facility was made possible by mem-

bers of the Dutch Reformed Church, who organized a fund-raising campaign for Kfar Shaul a few years ago after seeing the dilapidated condition of the buildings.

Sixteen young Dutch volunteers are helping in the renovation work for six months at a time. So far, the group has raised over \$2m. for Kfar Shaul and hopes to collect a total of \$5m. Even more important than the donations, says hospital director Dr. Yair Bar-El, is their personal involvement in the hospital's operations.

"We are helping out as an expression of our great solidarity with and support for Israel," Jan van der Graaf, a leader of the group, told The Jerusalem Post before yesterday's dedication ceremony. The

Dutch view the Kfar Shaul project as particularly appropriate, as many of the patients are Holocaust survivors.

Another churchman, the Rev. T. van Weelie, said that his group had solicited support from other Christian friends of Israel around the world, and even won a promise from volunteers in Ghana to come to Jerusalem to work at the hospital.

Although the Khan is a dormitory, it looks like a guest house, with modern kitchens and arched ceilings preserved from the original building. Residents will cook and clean for themselves and sleep three to a room. They will purchase food in the minimarket set up within the hospital grounds, and shop at the hospital "boutique." What are lacking are proper jobs for patients, but Bar-El

hopes these will be found.

The facility, a half-way house for mental patients on hospital grounds, is the only one of its kind in the country. Kfar Shaul also sends rehabilitation patients to a number of apartments around Jerusalem, but the khan allows more supervision.

Health Minister Shoshana Arbel-Almosino, who attended the opening, said that Kfar Shaul was a symbol of her ministry's policy to encourage mental patients to undergo rehabilitation and return to the community. This trend would be expanded, she promised, so that mental patients would no longer have to feel doomed to spend the rest of their lives in an institution. A large proportion of mental patients can function on the outside, she said.

Row at the end of the tunnel inspection

By HAIM SHAPIRO

A French professor from the Catholic University of Louvain who is an expert on the preservation of historical sites has caused a flap because he visited the Western Wall last week.

Prof. Raymond Lemaire, who also happens to be employed by Unesco, visited the Wall as a guest of the Jerusalem Municipality and the Foreign Ministry.

But the Religious Affairs Ministry was not consulted, and this was a "very serious" mistake, according to ministry director general Ze'evulun Orlev.

"Tomorrow someone else can decide to do something else there without our knowledge," Orlev said. The ministry apparently had no idea that the Unesco expert was touring the

site which is closed to the public.

Lemaire visited the newly opened tunnel that stretches to the northern end of the Wall.

Shmuel Ovnat of the Foreign Ministry told The Jerusalem Post that Lemaire visits the country every year and that the Foreign Ministry had invited him to see the tunnel as it had invited the Wafk (Moslem Religious Trust), which has jurisdiction over the Temple Mount, and the Sisters of Zion, whose convent is contiguous to the tunnel.

But Orlev claims that it was his ministry that invited the Wafk officials and the nuns to visit the tunnel.

"If they had followed the same procedure with the Unesco visit, it would have been all right," Orlev said.

Haifa decides today on controversial play

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Municipal Theatre's board of directors is to decide today whether to sanction the Theatre's planned performance of Yehoshua Sobol's *The Palestinian* in Duesseldorf next month.

The extraordinary meeting was called by the board chairman, mayor Arye Gurel, after a telegram was received from the head of the Jewish community in Duesseldorf, Heinrich Scheinman, demanding that the play not be staged there because its "anti-Israeli leanings" may be misinterpreted by the Germans and arouse anti-Semitic feelings.

The theatre's general manager, Noam Semel, said yesterday that the company was due to leave for a two-week tour of West Germany, Holland and Belgium on May 5, but that it would abide by the board's decision. On European tour last year the company performed Sobol's *Ghetto* and *A Jewish Soul*.

The Palestinian aroused considerable controversy when it was staged in Israel. Asked what he thought the German reaction might be to one scene, in which the Palestinian girl in the title role gives her address as "Nuremberg Street, on the corner of Auschwitz," Semel stressed that the scene had been removed from the play for the tour.

Scheinman wrote that "after the murder of six million Jews we cannot be objective, and should do nothing to stir up anti-Jewish and anti-Israeli feelings in Germany." He said that an Israeli theatre company should "find a more positive play" to present to German audiences. He feared that staging *The Palestinian* would negate everything that President Herzog's recent official visit there had achieved, as well as encourage Israel's enemies and confuse those of its friends who are not well informed about the sensitive relations between Israelis and Palestinians.

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lems, but we are now sorting them out, and our recent deal with Warner should help us over the hump." Jenkins declined, however, to go into details of the deal with Warner.

Latest figures compiled by New York's Standard-Data Corporation show that Cannon's poor showing at the U.S. box office have continued into the first quarter of 1987.

While Orion and Paramount led the field with 21 per cent and 20.3 per cent, respectively, of the U.S. box office in the January to March period of 1987, Cannon had a meagre 1.6 per cent share.

In the whole of 1986, furthermore, Cannon grossed a mere \$90.8m. at the U.S. box office, compared with Paramount's leading figure of \$656.5m. Yet Cannon and Paramount had the identical number of films on release in 1986 — 15.

Thus, while Paramount's films took in an average of \$43.76m. at the box office, Cannon managed only a \$6.05m. average box office take.

Yule told The Post, however, that the most damning statistic for Cannon was the size of its "film costs."

While Paramount is carrying only \$250m. in film costs, and even Orion and Warner Bros. are carrying no more than \$400m., Cannon is carrying

rying film costs of \$478.3m. — more than any other film-maker.

The SEC has been investigating Cannon since July 1986, and since September that investigation has been "formal," empowering the SEC to subpoena company documents. The scope of the probe now includes Cannon's manner of accounting for the cost of films, reported earnings, licensing transactions, tax liabilities, internal accounting controls, book- and record-keeping, and general financial condition.

Furthermore, several of its stockholders are currently taking a class action suit against the company, alleging misrepresentation of financial status and failure to comply with proper accounting procedures.

Since Cannon's announcement of a loss of \$14.5m. for the third quarter of 1986, its shares have now dipped to around the \$6 mark on the New York Stock Exchange, from a high of \$45.50 last July.

Jenkins said, however, that he believed Cannon's share price would rise once the financial problems of the company were over, and that it would be "good common sense" to invest in Cannon. He said the company's figures for the last quarter of 1986 would be released "within the next two weeks."

World premier for Italian madrigalist

An important piece of music, written almost 400 years ago, will be given its world premiere at Tel Aviv's Tzavta tonight. The composition, *Se quel dolor*, by the great Italian madrigalist Luca Marenzio (1553-1599), will be presented by the Consort of Musick of London in a special concert at 10.45.

"No evidence exists of the work having ever been sung in modern times," Anthony Rooley, Consort's musical director, told The Jerusalem Post.

The celebrated ensemble is scheduled to present the piece in the village of Coccaglio, the composer's birthplace, in May. ELI KAREV

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Towards fulfilment

Calev Ben-David

"WHAT'S HAGSHAMA?" asked one of the participants at last week's gathering in Mitzpe Ramon of the Federation of Magshimim Movements, which brought together some 400 young Diaspora Jews here in Israel attending various youth programs.

Her confusion was understandable, and not only because the three-day event was plagued by organizational problems. Hagshama, literally "fulfillment," and currently the most fashionable Zionist catchword intended to inject some ideological life into a moribund movement, is a term whose full meaning is often deliberately obscured.

Obscured because hagshama is a code word for voluntary aliyah which, despite much lip service, is still a not very popular notion among Western Jewry, even for the leaders of the organized Zionist movement in the Diaspora.

The element of hagshama still to be conceptualized is its meaning for native-born Israelis, though in the brochure published by the Magshimim Federation, Prof. Shlomo Avineri defines it as "the individual subordinating his will to the needs of the Jewish people, taking personal responsibility for the fate of the Jewish people."

Aliyah remains the most concrete expression of this personal responsibility, and thus it was the movements that stress this fundamental element of Zionism - the older pioneering youth movements like Hahabonim, Betar, and Bnei Akiva, and the newer, non-political groups like Telem, Tnuat Aliyah, and Tzohar - that founded the Magshimim Federation at a conference last April.

The conference was the result of

grass-roots pressure from elements within these movements, and the desire of WZO chairman Arye Dulzin to demonstrate that the Zionist establishment is making an effort to stress the need for aliyah from the West.

The Magshimim Federation won the stamp of approval of the Zionist General Council last June, and it has been granted a preliminary budget until the meeting of the World Zionist Congress in December. Its executive secretary is Gideon Goldwein, who recently served as a community shaliach in Philadelphia.

THERE ARE some 11,000 young people who come to Israel each year on long-term programs," said Goldwein, "many of whom do not have a strong Jewish or Zionist background. We have the opportunity to encourage them, and prepare them ideologically, to do Zionist support and out-reach work there, when they go home and eventually fulfill their own personal Zionist commitment."

The Mitzpe Ramon gathering was a first attempt at achieving this. It brought together participants in kibbutz ulpanim and one-year study programs who have engaged in little or no Zionist activity with committed activists from the youth and aliyah movements.

"You're mixing some very committed Zionists with people who, basically, don't care," said Ari Levithal, a South African Betar-nik who has just made aliyah, but this was exactly Goldwein's intention: "an inner circle and an outer circle, with the first inspiring teaching the second."

But, there was little on the Mitzpe Ramon program, which was heavy on nature hikes and musical enter-



Telem activists performing a skit on aliyah for pupils of the Givat Gonen school in Jerusalem's Katamonim. Telem, a movement for Zionist fulfillment, is one of the constituent bodies in the Magshimim Federation.

tainments, to help close the ideological gap between the two groups. Many of the participants had obviously come unprepared: one girl said she had come "only because my kibbutz ulpan teacher promised me that nobody was going to talk about aliyah." Levithal was sceptical about the event's impact: "There's nothing here to prepare these people to go back and be Zionist leaders in their communities."

Goldwein maintains that the follow-up to the gathering's activities can be taken care of in the participants' home communities by the regional branches of the constituent magshimim movements. But that requires the full cooperation of the different movements and, judging by the Mitzpe Ramon effort, they seem hesitant about committing their resources to their new combined federation.

The various elements in the federation, Goldwein admits, "are still much more concerned about what

goes on in their movements than any commitment they have to a combined effort."

Yet the idea of uniting the magshimim movements remains sound, and outside Israeli it has already received some positive achievements in the past year. In South Africa, magshimim representatives have obtained seating on the board of the local Zionist federations, and in Philadelphia in January, aliyah activists were able to raise their issue at the American Zionist Federation conference far more effectively than they were in the past.

MOST IMPORTANT is the goal, achieved even in Mitzpe Ramon, of bringing together young Jews divided along political or religious lines, but united in their Zionist commitment. "Kids from Bnei Akiva (the Orthodox Zionist youth movement) and Netzer (the Reform Zionist youth movement) can be the best friends offstage, but at daggers

during conventions," said Bnei Akiva's Esther Israel, at Mitzpe Ramon. "We need more joint activities like this so that we can work on overcoming our differences."

If the Magshimim Federation is to be the forum for the members of the different movements to at least make an effort to move in that direction, their leaders must work overcoming their own ideological differences. Goldwein hopes that the magshimim will eventually build up and become "a political lobby that can stand up against the Jewish establishment in the Diaspora, particularly in the U.S., on the issue of aliyah."

But the magshimim are still the only force in the Zionist movement who genuinely live up to the Zionist commitment. And they may prove to be the only group that may succeed in filling the hundreds of flats in Mitzpe Ramon that remain as empty as the yawning desert crater on which the city perches.

and would encourage local organizations to make Israel an integral part of their programming. At first, they would be guided by the shaliach; later on they would be his primary support group.

Implementation of these concepts requires a new approach to the emissary system. The shaliach's main task should be to help the community grapple better with the issue of how to maintain its viability.

It should be the shaliach's responsibility to help develop a deeper Jewish commitment by exposure to alternative Jewish frames of expression. A commitment on a higher level should lead, in turn, to heightened demands for Jewish services. Thus, we can set in motion a process that turns passive community membership into active involvement.

This is the second of two articles, the first having appeared on March 31. The writer is described and quoted in the report above.

The Israel dimension

Gideon Goldwein

relationship centres around the logistics of how best to transfer resources without any dialogue with the Diaspora on the basic question: by transferring these resources what kind of ties do we hope to establish between Israelis and Diaspora Jews?

Project Renewal is a good example. But, as it is now exercised, the concept of "twinning" is rather limited in scope, emphasizing adoption/dependence rather than partnership/mutuality. The concept could be broadened to encompass middle-income communities in Israel with common interests with their Diaspora twin.

In the long run, only the personal link can cement the bridge between Israelis and Diaspora Jews. Personal ties on a broad scale can go far towards securing a deep sense of

solidarity between the present contact, essentially with a faceless entity.

The partnership between the two communities should be based on mutuality, with each side providing the other with some resources based on a combined plan of action and of a candid, ongoing, evaluation. Implementation would require a change in current policy, assigning a much higher priority to human exchange.

OUR EFFORTS should aim at building an Israel dimension as an integral element - and not a token or annex - of the programming in synagogues, day schools, day-care cen-

tres, camps, campuses, and community centres.

The Israel dimension should include community endorsement of and active support for an Israeli experience, preferably a long-term one (more than three months). This would help the individual in his or her search for attractive, alternate roads to Jewish belonging, and would include summer tours, volunteer programmes, and high school or university studies.

It is essential to develop a Zionist "lobby" within each Diaspora community, based on a nucleus of individuals who were exposed to a long-term Israeli experience. The lobbies would organize Yom Ha'atzma'ut happenings, Israel Memorial Day ceremonies, and weekend retreats. They would host visiting Israelis,

The anti-Semitism 'that won't go away'

Macabee Dean

MANY intellectuals and Christian church leaders in Western Europe are evidently undergoing a quiet and gradual "enlightenment" with respect to their religious and cultural debt to Judaism and the Jewish community.

"But as far as I could determine, this change has not percolated down to the rank-and-file European. Here the fires of latent anti-Semitism have only been banked and need only to be kindled," says Prof. S. Giora Shoham, of Tel Aviv University.

He is one of four Israelis who recently returned from Toledo, Spain, which hosted the first of four study groups dealing with the "cultural impact of Jews and Judaism" on Europe and the Islamic states

bordering on the southern Mediterranean.

The project (the scientific coordinator is Shoham) was sponsored by the Council of Europe, and the European Foundation of Science, Arts, and Culture. The Toledo conference, which concentrated on the contributions (directly, and indirectly as preservers and transmitters of Greek and Arab classics) of Spanish and Portuguese Jews to European culture, was attended by some 200 persons, the great majority of whom were non-Jewish.

A HIGHLIGHT of this first confer-

ence was a message from Cardinal Casaroli, foreign secretary of the Vatican, who generally expresses the views of Pope John Paul II.

This message regretted "past mutual misunderstandings" between Christians and Jews, and expressed the wish that a new era of "collaboration" between the two religions should now be launched for the benefit of mankind.

Shoham says that the project reflects "an enormous shift in the approach of European intellectuals and the Catholic Church towards Judaism and the Jews. Instead of the previous concentration on the reli-

gious causes of anti-Semitism, there is now a concentration on Jewish cultural contributions to Christianity and Islam."

Shoham thinks that the underlying reason for this new direction is the pope's silence during the Holocaust. That undermined the moral basis of Christianity, which is a major foundation stone of European culture.

But Shoham does not believe that even if the "intellectuals and the church leaders decide to accept that Judaism played a vital part in European culture, it will have much effect on the 'common people of Europe.' They will only replace their anti-Semitism with the more acceptable 'anti-Zionism.'"

QUOTE

Before Poland, I was proud to be an Israeli. In Poland, I became proud of being a Jew. It was as if a wall fell down that had separated Israelism from Jewishness.

Idit Goldschmidt, one of the 300 kibbutz youth who recently visited concentration camps in Poland.

It was not by chance that we sent children of the last two years of high school, just before military service. After the army, without Poland, we may already have to search for our children in the Far East or in Los Angeles. But the boys and girls who have been through Poland will come home by themselves.

Arye Goldschmidt, treasurer of Kibbutz Netzer Sireni (and Idit's father).

A Jewish connection off the Chinese beaten track

Hadassah Bat-Haim

THE CITY of Kaifeng in the Chinese province of Henan is small by Asian standards. Little remains of its former importance as the capital of the country and it is not on the usual tourist maps. There is no direct railway line from Beijing, and it has no civilian airport, but recently there has been an upsurge of tourist traffic which seems to have taken the authorities by surprise. These tourists are looking for traces of the 6,000 year old matrilineal rule, the iron pagoda, or the Dragon Pavilion. They are interested in the Jewish connection, a factor which most of the residents are unaware of, or if they do know of it, do not rate it of any importance. It is not included in the tourist brochures put out by the municipality.

In the year 960 A.D., the emperor granted several Jewish merchants from Persia and Iraq a charter to develop trade between east and west. Caravans, one way, silk the other. The journey took many months and had to be organized in large caravans with armed guards, but it was very profitable and brought affluence both to the caravan and to the manufacturers. Kaifeng became an important centre.

Many of the Jewish traders established homes there, either bringing their families or marrying local girls who converted. There was a large

synagogue, last rebuilt in 1656, and the community grew in size and status together with the rest of the city. Trade flourished until the 15th and 16th centuries, when other routes, pioneered by Marco Polo in 1271, became more accessible. But echoes of this community never quite vanished.

NOW that travel in China is easier, there have been a number of exploratory forays. Articles about the city's Jewish connection have appeared in the world press and research sponsored by an American trust is now underway.

The group that I met were from Britain and they had been preceded a month earlier by a similar mission from the U.S. The China Travel Office was not very well informed about this part of the city's history, but they had obtained some information from Joe, a young Canadian Jew who stumbled on the district in the course of his own enquiries.

He had already found one of the descendants of the ancient community, a Mr. Li, who took him and me to the site of the synagogue. He says he remembers his grandfather telling him of services there before 1906, when it was destroyed by flood. There was neither money nor interest to restore it, but some memories remain.

In Mr. Li's grandfather's household, no work was done on Saturdays and his is one of the local families that does not eat pork, a staple Chinese food. There are others who observe this restriction



A Kaifeng Jewish family

(Courtesy of Beth Hachofetz)

who may have been Jewish in the past. But they may have been Moslems, since Islam gained many adherents in this area.

Mr. Li showed us the district, covering considerable ground, which was once exclusively Jewish. Nothing remains but the legend. The street in which he lives is called The Street of the Manuscripts, but the

manuscripts are all lost. The street is crowded with tiny houses opening onto the cobblestone stalls on handcrafts selling everything from raw meat to comic books. There are no drains, but there is electricity, and radios blare on all sides.

MR. Li is elderly and inoffensive. He speaks good English. His working days were spent with a British

firm in Shanghai. He is as deeply interested in Israel as I am in his story, and he piles up many questions on me as I do on him. Jews are visiting in increasing numbers, but Israelis are still rare.

He is a little overwhelmed by the group, who are eager to elicit from him some bond, however tenuous, between themselves and him. They crowd around him, taking his photograph and asking each other if they can see any Jewish characteristics in his face. Aids, there are none. In appearance, Mr. Li is unequivocally Chinese so they have to be content with what he can dredge from his childhood memories.

Together with Joe and me, he is treated to a glatt kosher lunch, heated in tin foil in the hotel kitchen. He says that several families in that street and in the area know they are descended from forebears who were not Chinese.

The China Tourist Board is just beginning to realize the possibilities of this new kind of tourist attraction. There are plans to publicize the area, enlarge the excavation of the synagogue, and provide some focus for research in the neighbourhood. The guest house will be modernized, its antiquated plumbing remodelled, and its kitchen refurbished so that future Orthodox guests will not have to bring their own food.

The Jewish World page, which appears on alternate Tuesdays, is edited by Aryeh Rubinstein.

A Zaddik in a fur coat

"THE ORGANIZED Orthodox synagogues and their rabbis are under siege." They could "disappear from the face of the American Jewish map within the next 50 years." Not so much because of the inroads of the non-Orthodox movements that make up the vast majority of the synagogue members in America. The threat comes "from the world of the Yeshiva and the proliferation of shetlelekh [small prayer houses or rooms]."

So writes Rabbi Bernard Rosenzweig, past president of the (Orthodox) Rabbinical Council of America, in the last issue of Tradition. We did not see his observation there, but in the Pessah issue of L'Eylah, the London journal published by the Office of the Chief Rabbi and the Jews' College.

L'Eylah devotes its editorial to the subject, and its editor, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, comes back to it in an article in the same issue in which he considered the implications for Anglo-Jewry of some recent studies of the state of Jewish life in the U.S. What follows is a paraphrase of the two.

Many yeshivot inculcate a sense of condescension in their students to the organized forms of congregational life and its spiritual leadership. Rosenzweig wrote. Their students are discouraged from entering the rabbinate and even from joining synagogues. They prefer the intimate but insular shetlekh atmosphere, where obligations are minimal and a sense of superiority in an "all-yeshivish minyan" can be projected with impunity.

What it amounts to is a determination on the part of the most committed and best educated to secure their own religious satisfaction and the future of their children at the cost of a responsible involvement with the community as a whole.

It is not clear whether Rosenzweig ends and the editorial comments, but one of them points out that the rabbinic tradition is familiar with this attitude. It calls it righteousness. With a "but." It is the righteousness of Noah, not the righteousness of Abraham. The righteousness that saves a family and lets the rest of the world be destroyed.

THE HASSIDIC movement once gave this famous image. How, they asked, do you keep warm on a cold night? You light a fire or you buy a fur coat. If you buy a coat, you keep yourself warm. If you light a fire, you keep others warm too. The person concerned only with his righteousness is a zaddik in a fur coat.

Fur-coat Judaism is with us again. It may seem strange, the editorial grants, that Rosenzweig should choose this as his greatest anxiety. The problems of American Jewry are enormous and elsewhere. An intermarriage rate, approaching 40 per cent. Increasing divorce. A crisis in Orthodox-Reform relations which

some see as heralding the greatest split in the Jewish world since the birth of Christianity. Why worry about yeshivot and small minyanim? When the worst is so bad, why criticize the best?

But then comes the answer: it is from the best that leadership should flow. Not only is responsible leadership not flowing from these circles: it is actively discouraged. Consequently, the Modern Orthodox who are in positions of leadership feel - so Rosenzweig suggests - demoralized, debilitated and delegitimized.

Sacks points out that while American Jewry is overwhelmingly non-Orthodox, British Jewry remains "solid" (70 per cent) Orthodox; in affiliation if not in practice. Is that strong enough to enable the "Central Orthodox" mainstream to move securely into the 21st century?

The most buoyant sectors of American Jewry today, he notes, are the Hassidic and yeshiva worlds: the groups who have Americanized least. Through a powerful education network, strong social sanctions, and the maintenance of closed, intense and non-integrationist environment, they have done what was hitherto thought impossible and resisted general demographic and cultural trends.

WHAT HAS NOT happened is any general and widespread effect on the rest of American Jewry. There has been no significant move back to Orthodoxy. What movement there has been is in the reverse direction. There has been an effect on Orthodoxy itself, with the "modern" brand losing much of its momentum as "traditionalist" Orthodoxy proved itself more intense and fulfilling. The effect of this on the community at large has been small because Orthodoxy in the U.S. is itself so small.

But, Orthodox concern with the fate of British Jewry as a whole is inescapable, since there it is the clear majority of the community as a whole. There is no reason for demoralization, but a delicate strategy is called for. If the mainstream were to cut itself off from the yeshiva and Hassidic worlds it would lose its access to the most dynamic currents in contemporary and Jewish life, and to many of its future teachers and rabbis. If it were to ally itself fully with those worlds it would lose its role, purpose and responsibility.

Mainstream Orthodox leadership must be inspired, not intimidated, by the yeshiva and the shetlekh. Their learning should make us want to teach. Their commitment should make us want to entice others. Their role is not ours; therefore we may not imitate. But their Torah is ours. Therefore we must communicate.

"A rabbi may not buy a fur coat. His task is to light fires." A.R.

Directory of organizations

The Institute on American Jewish-Israeli Relations, an arm of the American Jewish Committee established in 1982 to further dialogue between Israel and American Jewry, has published American Jewish Organizations with Offices in Israel: A Directory.

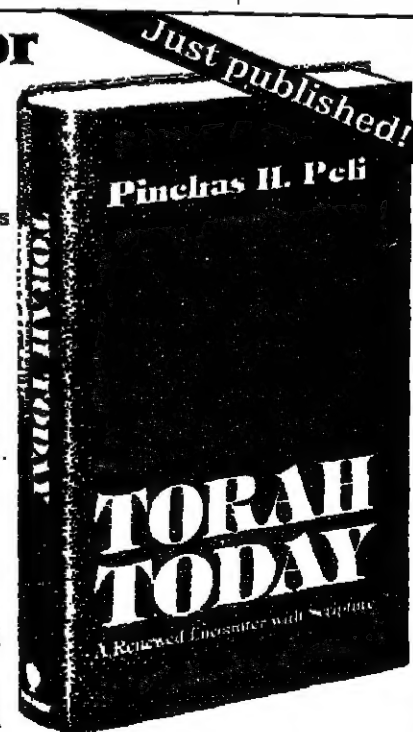
The directory lists 28 American Jewish organizations, which, according to Morris Fine, its editor, "reflect American Jewish activity in all facets of life in Israel, including fund-raising, information, health, welfare, social, religious and cultural programmes." The directory describes their programmes and services.

It also contains data on institutions founded primarily to provide supplementary education and training for American Jews, including Israeli branches of American rabbinical colleges.

Many of the organizations, Fine noted, were founded after the Six Day War in 1967, reflecting the increased involvement in Israel of American Jewish organizations in the past two decades.

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Making a new start

Yaffa Edri is the chief 'man-hunter' for a Ben-Gurion University programme that aims to draw the unemployed back into the classroom. Calev Ben-David reports.



Edri in action at a Beersheba cafe.

(Frank Smith)

YAFFA EDRI is "picking up" men all over Beersheba, not to mention Yeroham, Dimona and Sderot. She's out there in the billiard halls, pinball parlours and cafes, places which few women enter alone, boldly approaching strangers with a warm smile and intense eyes.

Edri's job is to convince the men, most of whom waste their lives away in these hang-outs, to take another shot at the formal education many of them abandoned prematurely. She relishes a job that would intimidate many other women, because as Edri says, "I was born with the stomach for it."

Employed by Ben-Gurion University (BGU) in Beersheba, Edri is the chief recruiter for the New Start project. This is a social welfare programme run by the university's Community Action Office and is designed to bring young adults who have dropped out of high school to special classes held four nights a week.

After a year of attending these courses, she explains, many of the men are qualified for the first time to enrol in a programme at the university's pre-academic centre or in vocational colleges. Others simply acquire the reading and mathematical skills necessary to take better care of their own business.

The age range of the men—and the few women—who participate in New Start is 21-36, and many of them are presently unemployed or have been in trouble with the police. The only prerequisite for the participants is that they must be able to read and write. The target group for Edri also includes people who are employed as unskilled labour in the economically depressed areas of the Negev. In the streets of these neighbourhoods she goes to spread the word of the programme — "You have to go where they are," she says, "because they won't come to you."

Edri, 30, is a certified teacher who has been recruiting people for New Start since it was initiated six years ago. It is not the kind of role in which one expects to find a traditionally-minded person who most enjoys spending quiet Sabbaths with her family. Yet, she explains, "I grew up in a pretty tough area, the Rabbi Akiva neighbourhood here in Beersheba, and I can speak the same language as most of these guys."

HER EASE in this milieu is evident as she enters a seedy Beersheba billiard hall, her well-groomed figure drawing immediate attention. With no introduction, Edri approaches one of the players: "Where do I know you from?" she asks him.

"You know me?"
"Maybe from the university?"
"Naw, I didn't go to the university."

"I'm at the university now. We've got some special classes going on there. Maybe you should come and learn some more."

"Oh yeah? What do I need to learn?"
"To learn to read better, to do math..."

"What do I need to do any more school for?"
"To find a job — or a better job."

"I'm not looking for work right now."

"Okay, so at least when you get something at the store, you will know you're not being cheated on the bill. Or when you go to the government office to pick up your unemployment cheque, you can fill in the forms without help."

At this point Edri often gets the "brush-off," but if she manages to start a serious conversation, she almost always succeeds in "bringing 'em back alive" to at least the initial class.

Edri speaks with as many as 20 people a day, which means, by her estimate, that news of the programme spreads to another 20 via word-of-mouth.
Edri is quick to credit New Start's

connection with BGU as one of the main sources of its appeal.

"A lot of these guys come to these classes because they feel a little prestige while studying on the university campus," she says. "They like rubbing elbows with the regular students. I've even seen a few of them showing off the school emblem sticker to their buddies."

Edri sees her responsibility as far more than simply collecting heads for the classes. According to Bar-Sheva Lavi, director of BGU's Community Action Office, "this is really Yaffa's vocation. She takes a strong personal involvement in every one of the students in the programme. She goes down with them to the unemployment office, to their homes, to the banks — even to the police station or courthouse if necessary."

Judy Gross, one of the teachers for the project, reports that, "Yaffa follows their progress all during the classes, always asking me how they're doing on their exams."

EDRI'S GENUINE concern is evident, and pride shows on her face when she talks about one of her most successful cases.

"There was a young guy from Dimona, out of work, with nine brothers, a couple of them already in jail. I got him to start taking classes, and he scored 100 on all his exams. I helped tutor him for the psychometric test, and today he's studying computer science in the university."

Edri's degree of personal involvement in her work sounds like a recipe for exhaustion, but she insists the situation is just the opposite.

"There are two things I forbid myself," she says. "One is to see my job as simply getting guys to go to the classes; I've got to do much more than that. The other is not to hold back my personal feelings: if I lose my temper and this becomes just a job, it's time to quit."

For the moment there seems little danger of that. In fact, Edri would like to see projects patterned after New Start carried out nationally at other universities (Hebrew University has something similar); and, she says with enthusiasm, "I'm ready right now to go to Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa."

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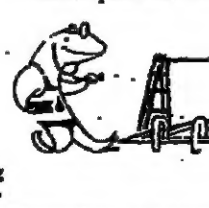
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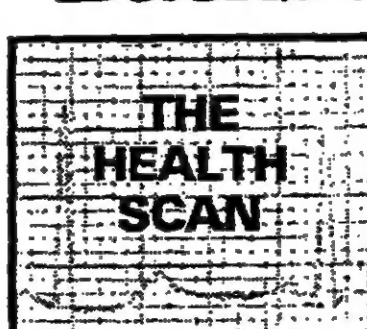
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Backs and butts



Judy Siegel-itzkovich

there would be no smoking at the weekly general staff meetings.

Shomron quickly received congratulations from Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almosino, a former smoker who is now adamantly opposed to the habit.

According to the ministry, Arbeli-Almosino is considering the possibility of banning smoking in soldiers' quarters throughout army bases. Every second soldier in the IDF smokes cigarettes, according to statistics just released. This is much higher than the average rate, which is about 30 per cent among the population at large.

The health ministry reports that it has received many complaints from soldiers who want to rest after tough days of training and are forced to breathe in cigarette smoke in their quarters.

NON-SMOKING New Yorkers, however, are breathing easier with a law — to take effect on May 7 — that bans smoking throughout the state in virtually all public places. Included in the ban are airports, subways, theatres, stadiums, elevators, taxis, buses, public toilets and building lobbies.

Practically the only places where one will be allowed to smoke are in one's own home, in hotel rooms, tobacco shops and bars. The fine — given out immediately if you are caught in the act by an inspector or policeman — is \$200.

As a result of the legislation, courses on learning how to manage without cigarettes are packed in New York, even though participation costs up to \$300.

TWENTY local youngsters suffered serious burns during the Pessah holiday, some of them from campfires at picnics and others from fires they lit before the festival to burn the leaven.

Dr. Arye Sarig of the burns unit at Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva warns parents to supervise children carefully when a fire is burning. There is a clear increase in such incidents when spring arrives, Sarig said.

ISRAELIS who have been diagnosed as dyslexic are invited to

take part in research being conducted by Nitzan, the Israel association to help children with learning disorders.

According to research, two to four per cent of the population suffers from dyslexia, but the condition is often not diagnosed. Nitzan wants to find out what has happened to adults who were diagnosed as having the problem as children, and what treatment and counselling were of help.

Anyone willing to take part in the research is asked to contact Nitzan at 14 Rehov Allenby in Tel Aviv, phone 510-1155.

PROJECT Maimonides sounds like a programme to increase study of Talmud commentaries, but it is actually a medical student-exchange programme between Israel and Norway, Virginia.

Since March, 1985, three plastic surgeons from Virginia have spent six weeks each at Israeli hospitals, learning about and teaching surgical techniques. In addition, three young Israeli plastic surgeons have been sent to hospitals in Virginia for six months at a time to undergo specialized training.

It is hoped that internists, urologists and other specialists will be included in the programme in future. It was made possible by the Thomas Hofheizer Medical Missions and by Dr. Charles Horton of Eastern Virginia Medical School.

AMERICAN Friends of the Rambam Hospital in Haifa have donated \$400,000 to set up an organ-transplant centre at the hospital.

The centre will be located on the eighth floor of a new wing of the hospital, and will be run by the famous liver transplant expert, Dr. Yigal Kam. Rambam received sole authorization from the Health Ministry to perform liver transplants; two operations so far ended in the recipients' death.

Additional liver transplant operations will be done in Rambam when donors are matched up with appropriate recipients — even before the new centre is completed. Representatives of the Strelitz family, who donated part of the funds so far, will take part in the cornerstone dedication ceremony this week. The 600-square-metre unit will be named in memory of the late Joseph Strelitz, who was a supporter of the hospital.

Grand pianist

THE ISRAELI Chamber Orchestra, Yoram Talmi conducting, with Joseph Kalichstein, pianist. (Tel Aviv Museum, April 23, 1987): Concerto in F major, K.493; Concerto in B-flat major, K.595; Symphony in C major, K.551 ("Jupiter").

ALL GOOD things come to an end, and so on Thursday night, the ICO concluded its Amadeus Festival. Sensibly enough, the final programme featured Mozart's last symphony and last piano concerto, with another concerto — in F major — included for good measure. The performance was a joy, as have been most of the festival's offerings.

Much of the credit for the evening should go to the soloist, Joseph Kalichstein's pianism is of the big, romantic kind: he coaxes a warm singing tone from the instrument, uses the pedal generously and obviously loves to produce a virtuosic passage as fast and as clear as his fingers will allow — which is faster and clearer than most pianists. The extreme movements of the F major concerto, thus, emerged vivid and



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virile, while the gentle lilt of the middle *allegretto* was treated with winningly direct feeling.

Healthy and straightforward in his interpretive outlook, Kalichstein attended to the exquisite expressive turns of the B-flat major work with the utmost subtlety. Indeed, his handling of the concerto's final passages will long be remembered as a rare example of great artistry.

The "Jupiter" received a forceful and accurate reading — Yoram Talmi and his musicians seemed in a fighting mood — yet a two-dimensional one, too. Some relaxed lyricism at appropriate moments would have gone a long way in correcting the expressive balance.

Lilith's decline

THE MYTHICAL demon Lilith has lost popularity among American Jewish feminists because now that they are married and have children, they see Lilith as an interference with family life.

Folklorist Dov Noy reached this conclusion during his recent lecture at the Israel Anthropologists Association's annual conference, held at the Beit Hattutot Diaspora Museum on the Tel Aviv University campus.

He explained that the Lilith legend was born as an attempt to reconcile two different accounts of the Creation, found in chapters I and II of Genesis.

In Chapter I, the word "Adam" is used to mean man or all of mankind; and it is specified that God created humans — male and female — in his image.

In the second chapter, however, Adam is definitely a male, and Eve is created from his rib. Lilith was a way to get around the contradiction. The legend explains that Eve was Adam's second wife who was created after Lilith, his first wife and

equal, proved too independent. According to a midrash quoted by Professor Noy, Lilith wanted to be on top during sexual intercourse, a position Adam found totally unacceptable.

Noy compared the early version of the Lilith legend and the experience of an American Jewish feminist in the 1970s who broke off her engagement and left Orthodox Judaism after her fiancé asked her to stop her Bible study until he caught up. "He didn't want to let her be 'on top' in knowledge, just as Adam didn't want to let Lilith be on top in their sexual relationship."

The legend of Lilith developed over the centuries to include Lilith's marriage to Ashmadai, king of demons, and to her reign as queen of demons in which capacity she tempted men, harassed wives and kidnapped or killed children. This, however, did not prevent the American Jewish Feminist Movement from naming their magazine after her.

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America provides Migada with sales but not big profits

By SIMON LOUISON
For The Jerusalem Post
REHOVOT. — A slide in profits caused by the retreat of the dollar has not deterred medical-equipment manufacturer Migada Ltd. from expanding. In three months, the company is to double its factory space with the opening of a new \$2 million facility in Kiryat Shmona.

The tight economic situation has forced Migada to cut 10 per cent of its 250 work-force at its main site in the Kiryat Weizmann Industrial Park, but most of the cuts were in management and overhead, and the new factory will employ 150-200 within two years, doubling production capacity.

The 700-square-metre clean room in Kiryat Shmona incorporates a number of improvements on the Rehovot plant. Migada intends eventually to make the northern development town its main production site, while Rehovot concentrates on development work. Like the Rehovot plant, the Kiryat Shmona one will be approved by the U.S. Federal Drug Administration (FDA) and will incorporate the good manufacturing practices necessary to export products to the U.S. and Western Europe.

Migada began in 1975 as a fully owned subsidiary of a large Italian medical/pharmaceutical company owned by a prominent Jewish family, which prefers to remain anonymous. Two years ago a 45 per cent stake was purchased by Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., leaving the Italian company with 45 per cent and Migada's president, Moshe Barkan, 40, with the balance.

The current profitability problem has done nothing to dent sales, which have tripled every three years for the past nine years until they stand at around \$9m-10m today. Around 70 per cent of production is exported.

Barkan admits that the company's profit worries stem from its dependence on the American market, where 90 per cent of exports are directed, and the fortunes of the dollar. To counter the problem, Migada is working to expand sales in Europe, particularly West Germany, Scandinavia and Britain. The aim is to have a 70-30 balance between the U.S. and Europe to mitigate against the ravages of currency fluctuations.

Barkan says the predominance of the American market came more through accident than design. In 1980 the company was approached

by the giant Dow Chemicals Corp. to produce a blood-lines product. The order required Migada to virtually double production overnight. Because Dow has its own in-house quality assurance standards, which are more stringent than FDA regulations, the Migada factory was set up for export to the U.S. and that became the focus.

To reach a satisfactory level of quality assurance Migada went through a steep learning curve. To be in the American medical market

the product's function.

Migada has four main product lines, all variations of those plastic tubes attaching the patient to the electronic wizardry you see on the medical dramas Americans are so fond of producing: bloodlines, intravenous plasticware, intensive care sets and nutritional solution units.

Barkan says his company's strategy is to acquaint itself with a specific area and to find niche openings. It aims to get so close to its



Migada's Rehovot clean room.

(Isaac Freidlin)

requires companies to produce to the toughest manufacturing standards because of the ever-present threat of product-liability suits.

"It's a mentality. For Americans they are familiar working to such requirements, but for Israelis it's different, and this was a major achievement. We are geographically in Israel but we have the mentality of the U.S.," says Barkan.

Quality has become Migada's main asset because it opens up all the high price markets, where the Israeli product has a competitive edge because of its lower cost. But there is a reverse side to this advantage. Since a factory can't produce at two different quality levels — the costs are built in — it can't compete in the cheaper markets. The lack of comparable legally-binding quality standards here even makes it vulnerable in its home market.

Quality can add as much as 30 per cent to costs with no real addition to

customers, mostly big medical companies, that it is precisely aware of requirements and new opportunities. The need to get close to the customer spurred Migada to spend \$1m. at the end of last year setting up an American marketing operation in Los Angeles, including a fully owned subsidiary.

Barkan says the current lack of profitability in the U.S. will not see the company withdraw from that market. In fact, he says it would be suicidal to do so. He is extremely critical of politicians and others who blithely advise companies to switch markets when a currency loses value. It takes two or three years to develop a customer in Migada's field and to play games with markets is to invite trouble, he says. However, like a number of Israeli companies committed to the dollar block, Migada may have to learn to hedge its risks by spreading its resources into a counter-currency market.

Expanded EC could hurt Israel

By DAVID ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The expansion of the European Community in January 1986 to include Spain and Portugal stands to hurt Israeli agricultural exports in coming years, according to two papers presented at a Hebrew University conference in Jerusalem yesterday.

Spain, the more important of the EC's two new members, has kept a relatively low profile in the community and its goals vis-a-vis the Mediterranean countries remain unclear, Hebrew University Professor Alfred Tovias told the conference on "The Enlarged EC and the Mediterranean."

Nevertheless, he recalled, Spain used its veto power to block renewal of a preferential trade accord between the EC and Mediterranean countries, including Israel. Madrid finally did agree to drop its veto earlier this year, but only after the other EC members agreed to grant it concessions.

Moreover, Tovias reported, Spain had sought a promise from the EC before it agreed to join to phase out the community's imports of Mediterranean fruits and vegetables. Spain is more heavily reliant on its farm sector than most other EC countries, and many of its products compete directly with Mediterranean agricultural exports.

The EC's Integrated Mediterranean Programmes (IMP) pose another threat to Mediterranean farm exports, University of Reading Professor George Yannopoulos told the conference.

The IMP, which were implemented two years ago, are aimed at helping EC regions whose economies have been endangered by the entrance of Spain and Portugal into the community. The goal is to either improve the competitiveness of the regions or direct them into new industries.

If the IMP were successful, Yannopoulos concluded, Mediterranean farm exports are likely to fall. Many of the same products the IMP are designed to make more competitive to ward off the threat Spain and Portugal's EC membership are the same products the Mediterranean countries, including Israel, export to the community.

Even if the IMP proved a failure, he said, it would be politically difficult to resist demands within the EC to extend the programme another seven years beyond its 1992 deadline and perhaps place restrictions on Mediterranean imports.

BANKING ON IT/Pinhas Landau

Rich rewards

Having money, rather than wanting it, was always the quickest way to a banker's heart — or rather to that steel safe which occupies the spot where other human beings have hearts.

Thus, the rapid development of retail banking services among Israeli banks has inevitably come to focus on the up-market sectors of the banking public. For some purposes, these are the upper-income groups, but for others, the people the banks are interested in are those who have wealth, not just income alone.

For a long time, the idea of chasing the monied classes was frowned upon in Israeli society — indeed, it was polite to pretend that there were no monied classes. All this humbug has now been dropped, and banks, along with every other supplier of services or goods, are engaged in marketing themselves to the haves, rather than to the have-nots, from whom they stand to gain little.

When Israel General Bank started a major advertising campaign some time ago, it made a clear play for the attention of the well-to-do, stressing the advantages supposedly available to them from a private bank in the European tradition. That was understandable and indeed normal, given the Rothschild-owned bank's back-

ground and pretensions to grandeur. But the pursuit of the rich has spread from the elitist General Bank to the biggest banks, and the trend seems certain to continue. Bank Hapoalim, for example, despite being ideologically haphazard to the task of pandering to the wealthy, made a breakthrough of sorts a couple of months ago, when it began offering a flexible overdraft facility going as high as NIS 150,000. How large a facility any customer gets under this scheme is dependent on his needs, but quite obviously even overdrafts of NIS 25,000 or 50,000, let alone larger sums, are not given to factory workers who scrape together a few hundred shekels a month.

This concept of large overdrafts then got caught up in the "savings and loan" war, which we have written about in the past. This involved competition between the banks for the deposits made by one-time savers, who were wooed by offers of either fixed loans or flexible overdraft facilities. But without doubt, the most important development so far in this area has been the introduction of Bank Leumi's "open account." It would be no exaggeration to say that by combining several different features, each important in itself, Leumi has created a radically new financial vehicle for the Israeli market.

The "open account" is intended to be an investment and credit-card account. It is available for persons who deposit in it NIS 40,000 worth of investments — whether in foreign currency accounts, securities, savings schemes or unlinked shekel deposits. The account does not offer cheques and therefore cannot be used as a full substitute for regular checking accounts, nor is it intended so.

Having plunked down his NIS 40,000, what does the proud "open account" holder get from Bank Leumi. The answer is, rather a lot, but the real question is what are all these items worth to him or her?

• **FREE BANKING:** The open account charges no fees on regular activities (remember there are no cheques). This is the second case of free banking being introduced in Israel, the first being First International's "improved current account," which doesn't charge except for cheque transactions.

• **INTEREST IN CREDIT BALANCES:** The existing arrangement, whereby a sizable rate of interest is paid on credit balances in current accounts, on condition they are there for three days at a time, is quite meaningless and no one pays any attention to it. The open account promises account holders interest rates that are equivalent to rates levels on their average daily balances.

• **OVERDRAFT:** For those who want, the account gives an automatic NIS 7,500 overdraft facility at preferred rates which currently work out at prime plus 1 per cent — the rate Leumi uses for VisaCard interest.

In addition, the VisaCard that comes with the account (see below) carries with it the right to credit purchases that can go as high as 50 per cent of the investment portfolio in the account.

• **VISAHAV —** the Israeli version of the Visa Gold Card, comes free for one year with the open account. This goodie is worth NIS 135 in saving on annual charges to the card, which itself carries numerous advantages. For a start, it allows the holder to draw up to NIS 500 a day from Caspomat machines, or over the counter in bank branches. Then there is an extra package of bonuses with VisaCard, such as a free International Airline Passenger's Association membership, which gives discounts in hotels and on car rentals, as well as a built-in life insurance policy.

All the transactions connected with the investment portfolio, such as buying and selling, dividends, etc., pass through the account, and are therefore centralized and separated from the holder's regular current account. They also don't cost transaction fees, although commissions are of course still paid.

All this is not bad for what is, at NIS 40,000, not a particularly large sum of money. Leumi, needless to say, claims that after a month in operation, the open account has been a big success. That remains to be seen. What is surprising is that so far no other bank has responded in any obvious way, whether by copying the idea or developing some alternative.

But it seems a safe bet that the competition for the deposits of the rich will get stronger, and the open account is unlikely to remain the last word on the subject for very long.

WORLD BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Silver pushes past \$10 an ounce to three-year high

LONDON (Reuters). — Silver surged by a dollar an ounce in London yesterday morning hitting a three-year high of around \$10.50, while gold continued its recent run of new four-year highs at around \$470.25 an ounce.

Dealers said buying was heavy as the U.S. dollar weakened against major currencies. They said many small investors switched into the active silver market because they were reluctant to buy gold at the current high levels.

Silver is still relatively cheap compared with gold and down by more than 80 per cent on the record highs of 1981. Gold has risen by 17.5 per cent in value since the start of the year while silver has almost doubled. (See prices on page 9).

JAPANESE PREMIER Yasuhiro Nakasone and President Reagan are

expected to agree on the need for currency stability when they meet later this week in Washington, Japan's finance minister said in Osaka yesterday.

Between the two heads of government, the Louvre and Washington agreements will be reaffirmed, Kiichi Miyazawa told a news conference.

In those agreements, reached earlier this year, the group of seven — Britain, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, the U.S. and West Germany — decided to act together to stabilize currencies.

Many major nations, including some not in this group, have intervened in the currency markets to stabilize the dollar, Miyazawa said.

Despite heavy dollar-buying, however, the U.S. currency has continued to decline, plunging to a new post-war low against the yen yesterday.

SUNDAY'S RESIGNATION of Brazilian Finance Minister Dilson Funaro was the latest setback to the government's economic policies and came at a time when Brazil is faced

by its worst all-round crisis since the return to democracy in 1985.

Funaro's resignation — immediately accepted by President Jose Sarney — had been demanded by bankers and the governors of key states alike.

"Minister Funaro was the queen on the (chess) board of the national economy. His fall means that national and international bankers gave up on him," a leader of the ruling Brazilian Democratic Movement Party, who asked to remain anonymous, told Agence France-Press.

SAUDI ARABIA'S OIL production has increased this month by more than one million barrels a day to slightly above its Opec quota of 4.133 million barrels. The Middle East Economic Survey reported yesterday.

Overall, the combined output for the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries for April was expected to be around 16.8 million-16.9 million barrels a day, the respected oil weekly said.

That is two million barrels more than last month and about 1 million barrels above the ceiling set last December in a production-cutback agreement in Geneva.



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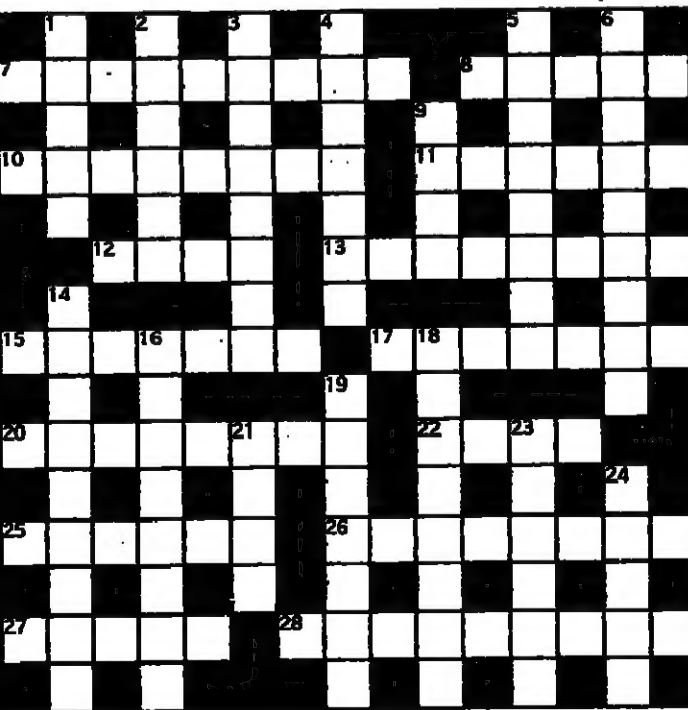
ACROSS

- 7 A joker! (5,4)
- 8 Staff urged the bowler's adversary not to retire (5)
- 10 Was it the language Romulus learnt from his foster mother? (3,5)
- 11 Make extended appointment about 1.50 (6)
- 12 A seaside attraction in happier days (4)
- 13 Sounds like the ship's left harbour in Egypt (4,4)
- 15 Leather worker left in comparatively unhappy circumstances (7)
- 17 It is sweet to have a calmer disposition (7)
- 20 No one left. OK? (3,3)

- 22 Record the end of the race (4)
- 23 Mother widowed but she sold shellfish in Dublin's fair city (6)
- 26 Rampaging shark on a floating animal sanctuary (5,3)
- 27 Not the most cardinal point to a Liberal (5)
- 28 One who reckons the miners are turning to the Right (9)

DOWN

- 1 A key, but no key of the door for him! (5)
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- ACROSS
- 1 Sung by a choir
- 4 Maritime hazards
- 8 Tzarist edict
- 9 Set free
- 10 One of Wingate's men
- 11 Figure of worship
- 12 Domesticated pig
- 14 Standard of measurement
- 15 Bad mannered
- 18 Moose
- 21 Good fortune
- 23 Pamper
- 25 Highest
- 26 Kingly
- 27 Equine animal
- 28 Grab

- DOWN
- 1 Chew noisily
- 2 Formal speech
- 3 Amusing tale
- 4 Irritate
- 5 African antelope
- 6 Famous English essayist
- 7 Veracity!
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Central bank slates 7-point cut

Interest rates going down again

By AVI TEMKIN

The Bank of Israel yesterday said it would cut interest rates for the second time this month, and Bank Leumi followed suit several hours later, announcing another cut in its prime rate.

The central bank cut the interest rate on monetary loans to banks by seven percentage points on an annual basis to 18 per cent effective Thursday. On April 7, the bank cut its credit window rate 4.6 points, to 25 per cent.

Taken together, the two cuts will

bring the rate back to its level before the central bank boosted them last February.

Leumi, which in recent weeks has led a round of prime rate cuts by the commercial banks, said last night that it would be trimming its rate by 1.75 points per month to a nominal annual rate of 21 per cent, effective Friday. That reduction comes on top of a 2.25-point cut Leumi announced 10 days ago it would implement this coming Friday. Leumi's prime has been 27 per cent since April 1.

Competition among commercial

banks has led for the first time to differing interest rates on credits and overdrafts, with Bank Leumi and Bank Hapoalim leading the way. Hapoalim had the lowest prevailing prime, at 26.4 per cent, although that it would be catching up this Friday, even before yesterday's announcement. The other commercial banks were asking 27 per cent.

When the central bank increased its rates in February, it quickly came under heavy fire from the business sector and cabinet members. The bank claimed at the time that the rise

was a temporary step designed to take the wind out of the ballooning consumer borrowing and to offset an expected increase in inflation following January's 10 per cent shekel devaluation. Bank of Israel officials yesterday attributed the upcoming reduction to an expected drop in the inflation rate.

Alongside with the reduction in interest rates the Bank of Israel announced that it was increasing minimum liquidity requirements by 4 per cent, a step designed to prevent a further expansion in bank lending.

CONFERENCE

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Shamir had in fact received several written messages from Washington in recent days, urging him to reconcile his differences with Peres on the conference issue; but they were not very hopeful that the messages would bear results.

Likud sources were unwilling last night to confirm that Shamir had received any special message from Washington, perhaps on orders from Shamir and his aides to keep all knowledge of such a message or messages under wraps.

But one source suggested that an oral message to this effect — either from Reagan or Shultz — had reached Shamir. The source said that Peres had apparently succeeded, "contrary to Likud expectations," in turning the U.S. administration around on the international peace conference issue.

Foreign Ministry Director-General Avraham Tamir last night told *The Jerusalem Post* that "there should be no doubt at all about U.S. support for an international conference concept as enunciated by Foreign Minister Peres."

Clearly frustrated by the conflicting statements emanating from Jerusalem, one U.S. official said, "It's a two-headed government."

U.S. officials said that Shultz has temporarily decided against returning to the Middle East to personally consult with key leaders in the region.

Shultz, who in recent weeks had been very carefully weighing the pros and cons of a visit to the Middle East, is said to have decided that it would be inappropriate for the U.S. right now to get into the middle of the very serious debate in Jerusalem on the merits of an international conference.

The secretary reportedly wants the Israeli leadership to sort out those differences and to reach a

unified stance before he once again invests his personal time and energy in such a high-risk Arab-Israeli diplomatic venture.

At the same time, however, the secretary and other senior officials agreed to make the U.S. views very clearly known to Shamir and Peres. "There have been all kinds of letters," an American official said.

The most recent letter to Shamir was said to have been intended to prod Israel into reaching agreement on an international parity.

The Americans favour an international conference but only if it will immediately result in direct Arab-Israeli negotiations. The Americans also want to be certain that the conference will be in no position to veto bilateral decisions reached during sub-committee negotiations or to even impede the negotiations in any way.

So far, the Americans have not received those kind of hard assurances. The special U.S. Middle East envoy, Ambassador Wat T. Clavarius, has been shuttling around the region, attempting to narrow the differences.

According to U.S. officials, Clavarius has reached some encouraging reactions from Jordanian and Egyptian leaders, but not enough to convince Shultz to personally enter the picture. Shultz is said to want more of the preliminary questions on an international conference answered before he commits the administration to specific stance.

Israel Television last night reported that persons who have been in direct contact with Peres had the impression that he recently received a paper from King Hussein confirming Jordan's agreement to enter negotiations with Israel at an international conference. The sources further stated that Peres intends to bring the issue before the government within two weeks.

Elite wins spot in list of top 10 Israeli firms

By SIMON LOUISON

TEL AVIV. — Confectioner Elite Ltd. won a spot among the top 10 Israeli industrial companies for 1987, bumping out Negev Phosphates Ltd., but otherwise the roster remained unchanged, Dun and Bradstreet Ltd. said yesterday, unveiling this year's top 100 list.

Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) remained in top slot with a turnover of over \$1 billion, up 4.2 per cent, with exports of \$630 million and 21,000 employees.

Following IAI in order with their 1986 rankings in parentheses were Israel Electric Corp. (2) Tadiran Ltd. (3) Tnuva (4) Dead Sea Works Ltd. (5) Polgat Industries Ltd. (7) Oil Refineries Ltd. (6) Dubek Ltd. (10) Elbit Computers Ltd. (8) and Elite (12).

The annual survey by the credit-rating company comprises industrial concerns only, so that holding companies such as Koor Ltd. are excluded, and ranks companies according to turnover.

Climbing fastest was Luz Industries Ltd., which was buoyed by its California project and jumped from 54th last year to 25th. Two years ago it was only 70. Another fast mover was textile company Delta-Gal Industries, moving 18 positions to 26th spot.

The biggest fall in the top 30 was posted by arms and ammunition manufacturer Soltam Ltd., which

dropped 10 places to number 28. Osem Food Industries fell five to 22 as did Telrad, which now sits at number 20.

Total turnover for the 100 companies increased 10 per cent to \$9.2b., but given the 19.7 per cent inflation rate for the year this amounted to a 10 per cent drop in real terms D&B said. Most sectors experienced growth of less than 20 per cent, signifying negative real growth during the year. The electric and electronics sector, which made up 38 per cent of the top 100's turnover recorded sales growth of only 4.36 per cent, which D&B described as a "massive drop" in real terms.

The metal-products sector grew 10.5 per cent while chemicals and minerals grew just 2.62 per cent. Food, beverages and tobacco kept pace with inflation, expanding 20.44 per cent while the textile and fashion industry managed 19.42 per cent. The best performer for the year was pharmaceuticals, with 45.2 per cent growth. However, only two companies made it to the top 100 list.

Because wages rose an average 16.8 per cent during the year, and in general expenses rose faster than turnover, profitability was restrained for most companies. However, judging on the figures of the first quarter of this year, D&B said, the prospects look somewhat brighter for 1987.

Net plunges at IDB Bankholding

By PINHAS LANDAU

IDB Bankholding Corp., the parent of Israel Discount Bank and of IDB Development Corp., yesterday reported a net profit of NIS 8 million, a 70 per cent fall over the equivalent figures for 1985.

But IDB Development, the group's investment arm, reported net profit of NIS 14m., a sharp rise from just NIS 900,000 in the previous year.

Both companies' total assets and capital means dropped. IDB Bankholding's balance sheet fell 10 per cent to NIS 19.3 billion, while shareholders' equity dropped 6 per cent to NIS 836m.

IDB Development, despite its improved profit performance, showed total assets of NIS 1.3b., down from the year-earlier equivalent of NIS 1.4b. Equity shrank 5 per cent, from NIS 462m. to NIS 440m., all on an inflation-adjusted basis.

Net return on equity was less than 1 per cent at the parent company, with its poor profit performance stemming from the negligible profits achieved by Israel Discount Bank last year. But the return for IDB Development was 3.1 per cent, after close to zero in 1985.

IDB Bankholding's gross profit fell some 53 per cent, from NIS 105m. to NIS 50m., but the concern was hit by a sharp rise in its tax bill, from 56 per cent in 1985 to 85 per cent last year. This reflected, in part, the impact of higher deferred tax provisions made in anticipation of the tax reform recently enacted. The tax bite in the current year is expected to fall sharply.

Again in sharp contrast, IDB Development showed a near-eightfold jump in profit before tax, from NIS 2.5m. to NIS 19.2m. Taxes, however, stayed virtually stable at NIS 2.1m., and after deduction of the stake of minority shareholders in the net profit, the result was still a more than fifteenfold jump in retained net profits.

TRANSMITTER. — Galei Zahal has built a new transmitter near Rosh Pina to improve reception in the North. The transmitter which will broadcast on 1361 kilohertz, was donated by the Soldiers' Welfare Association.

Glass factory fined

The Environmental Service of the Interior Ministry, which brought the charge against Phoenicia, cleaned the river, and the company paid the costs.

The fine, which was in addition to this, was paid to the special fund for preventing marine pollution. (Iim)

Indian delegation here

Post Diplomatic Correspondent
A delegation of 11 Indian Janata Party officials and activists began a 12-day visit to Israel during the weekend as guests of the Histadrut's Afro-Asian Institute. Israeli officials regard it as the most important visit in over a decade from India.

Israel Money Markets

Shekel Deposits (annual rates)		7 days	14 days	30 days
Bank	Deposit			
Leumi (Apr. 23)	1,000-9,999	21.25	21.75	22.50
	10,000-49,999	22.75	23.25	24.25
	50,000+	23.25	23.75	24.75
Hapoalim (Mar. 27)	Up to 999	10.00	11.00	12.00
	1,000-9,999	21.00	21.50	22.50
	10,000-49,999	22.00	22.50	23.50
	50,000+	23.00	23.50	24.50
Discount (Apr. 9)	40-999	10.00	10.50	11.50
	1,000-10,000	21.00	21.50	22.50
	10,001-99,999	22.00	22.50	23.50
	100,000+	23.00	23.50	24.50
Bank Leumi	1,001-2,500	—	—	—
	2,501-5,000	—	—	—
	5,001-10,000	—	—	—
	10,001-50,000	—	—	—
First Intl (Apr. 8)	1,000-9,999	17.00	18.10	19.10
	10,000-49,999	22.00	23.10	24.10
	50,000-99,999	23.00	24.10	25.10
	100,000+	24.00	25.10	26.10
	50,000+	25.00	26.10	27.10

Pari (foreign currency deposit rates)		3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
Currency (Jan. deposit)	Rate			
U.S. dollar (\$100,000)	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.25
U.S. dollar (\$100,000)	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.25
Deutsche mark (DM 200,000)	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Yen (\$ million yen)	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI. Rates vary according to size of deposit.

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates (April 27)

CURRENCIES AND TRANSFERS		Rate	Rate
Currency basket	Rate	Rate	Rate
U.S. dollar	1.5772	1.5772	1.5772
Deutsche mark	0.8893	0.8893	0.8893
French franc	2.6278	2.6278	2.6278
Japanese yen (100)	1.4228	1.4228	1.4228
Dutch florin	0.2036	0.2036	0.2036
Swedish krona	0.2036	0.2036	0.2036
Norwegian krone	0.2036	0.2036	0.2036
British pound	0.2036	0.2036	0.2036
Canadian dollar	0.2036	0.2036	0.2036
Australian dollar	0.2036	0.2036	0.2036
S. African rand	0.2036	0.2036	0.2036
Belgian franc (100)	0.2036	0.2036	0.2036
Austrian schilling	0.2036	0.2036	0.2036
Italian lire (1000)	0.2036	0.2036	0.2036
Japanese yen (100)	0.2036	0.2036	0.2036
Israeli pound	0.2036	0.2036	0.2036
Israeli pound	0.2036	0.2036	0.2036
Israeli pound	0.2036	0.2036	0.2036

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI.

Foreign Markets

EUROPEAN FINANCIAL MARKETS (April 27)

Precious Metals

Libor Rates

Gold	London	a.m. fix.	476.50	Sterling	1 month	3 month	6 month
					9 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4
					9 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4

Foreign Currency Crossrates (London 15:30 GMT)

Forward rates	Spot	3 months	6 months	12 months
Pound sterling	1.6220/20	1.6220/20	1.6220/20	1.6220/20
Deutsche mark	1.7812/12	1.7812/12	1.7812/12	1.7812/12
Swiss franc	1.4605/05	1.4605/05	1.4605/05	1.4605/05
Dutch florin	2.0095/95	2.0095/95	2.0095/95	2.0095/95
French franc	5.3600/00	5.3600/00	5.3600/00	5.3600/00
Japanese yen	136.25/25	136.25/25	136.25/25	136.25/25
Italian lire	127.40/40	127.40/40	127.40/40	127.40/40
Belgian franc	37.00/00	37.00/00	37.00/00	37.00/00
Austrian schilling	1.3400/00	1.3400/00	1.3400/00	1.3400/00
Swedish krona	6.2100/00	6.2100/00	6.2100/00	6.2100/00
Norwegian krone	6.2100/00	6.2100/00	6.2100/00	6.2100/00
Denmark krone	5.7100/00	5.7100/00	5.7100/00	5.7100/00

Share Indices

Commerzbank 60 stocks	1748.4-54.3	Financial Times 100 stocks	1086.5-13.0
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NEW YORK FINANCIAL MARKETS (April 23)

U.S. Money Rates

Prime rate	7.75%	Fed funds rate	6 1/2%
Broker's loan	7.75-7.5%	Long-term bond	10 1/2%-7 1/2%
NY Euro 3 months	7 1/4-6 1/4%	Discount rate	5.5%

New York Foreign Exchange

	DM	FRF	STG	YEN	CAN
Prev. closing	1.7800/00	1.4600/00	1.6200/00	136.20/00	1.3400/00
Opening	1.7800/00	1.4600/00	1.6200/00	136.20/00	1.3400/00
Latest	1.7822/22	1.4600/00	1.6200/00	136.20/00	1.3400/00

Precious Metals

Gold	Spot	444.25	Silver	Spot	8.72
	Prev. close	442.40		Prev. close	8.75

Wall Street (Prices as of 16:00 EST)

Market Indices	Value	Change	NYSE Highest Volume	Value	Change
DJ Industrials	2,222.34	-2.13	IBM	24 1/2	+ 1/4
DJ Transport	1,400.00	-0.38	AT&T	15 1/2	+ 1/4
DJ Utilities	198.78	-0.57	Sun Life	1 1/2	+ 1/4
S&P 500	833.20	-1.87	ATT	2 1/2	+ 1/4
NYSE Comp	183.30	-1.71	Borg-Warner	2 1/2	+ 1/4
NYSE Ind	183.30	-1.71	Amstar	2 1/2	+ 1/4
NASDAQ Comp	408.80	-3.02	Union Carb	27 1/2	+ 1/4
S-P 100 Index	277.39	+1.02	Burnt Ind	31	+ 1/4
S-P Comp	281.79	+0.27	Deere	59	+ 1/4
S&P 500	258.38	-2.33	N.L. Ind	7	- 1/4

Statistics

(Apr. 23)	Volume	222,522,100	NASDAQ	Volume	136,008,100
	Stocks down	452		Stocks up	1026
	Stocks down	882		Stocks down	1247

Israel Stocks Traded in New York

NYSE/AMEX	Last	Prev. close	High	Low	Vol.
Alitalia	30 1/2	29 1/2	31	29 1/2	137
Amr to Pcp	20 1/2	20 1/2	21	20 1/2	426
Amstar	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	108
Amstar	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	108
Amstar	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	108

Over-the-Counter

	Last	Bid	Ask	Last	Bid	Ask
Airt	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	Interpharm	5 1/2	5 1/2
Bank Leumi	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2	Opotex	3 1/2	3 1/2
Elbit	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	Rada	3 1/2	3 1/2
ECI Tel	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	Taro-Vit	3 1/2	3 1/2
Elron	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	Tava Pharm	11	11 1/2
ES	4 1/2	4 1/2	4 1/2	SP	3 1/2	3 1/2

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Israeli tourists are spies—Cairo columnist

CAIRO (Iim). — Israeli tourists are all spies, columnist Mahmoud al-Haiwan told readers of his column in a recent issue of the semi-official centrist daily, *Al-Jumhuriya*.

"Israeli tourists come in groups, they travel in the same bus, live in the same hotel and don't buy anything," he said. "Once money gets into their pockets, it never leaves it."

They are tourists who don't bring any advantages to Egypt and their only purpose is to spy," the columnist said.

"An Egyptian who was in contact with an Israeli lost \$300,000 and some of the few Egyptian tourists to Israel have committed suicide or been killed in Israeli prisons," he wrote.

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From chaos to choice

ALMOST from the moment the guns fell silent in June 1967, Israel's governments have been divided about what Abba Eban termed the ultimate "disposition" of the territories.

Those differences eventually led Mr. Begin to leave Israel's first national unity cabinet, under Levi Eshkol, that was constructed on the eve of the June war. They then divided the subsequent Labour-led governments, pitting Labour "hawks" of those days, like Moshe Dayan and Shimon Peres against Labour "doves" like Eban and Pinhas Sapir.

Even in the first Begin government, born in 1977, the division persisted. Labour was out, but the dovish banner was carried in the cabinet, whether effectively or not, by Yigael Yadin and his now virtually forgotten DMC party.

But what characterized all these governments was an obvious principle: debate over these differences was to be pursued at home, within the government and between the parties; it was not to be exported to Israel's dealings with foreign governments. Abroad, the government spoke in one voice.

This principle of proper management of foreign policy was so self evident that even the contentious political actors in Israeli cabinets never questioned it.

But the present cabinet is writing a wholly new manual, unprecedented in the annals of policy management. It not only exports its differences, but the contending parties seek to enlist the help of foreign governments to frustrate each others aims.

Thus, Mr. Shamir despatched Mr. Arens on a hurried mission to Washington to warn the Reagan administration against cooperating with Mr. Peres. And now in Paris, the prime minister is lobbying with the French government to the same end.

All the while, Mr. Peres for his part has been cooking up a scheme for negotiations, together with Jordan, Egypt, the U.S. and the Soviet Union, without fully informing Mr. Shamir of the details because he fears the premier would seek to destroy it.

That no government can long survive in such a circumstance is plain enough. But that it also makes this government appear ridiculous, both at home and abroad, has apparently not yet fully penetrated the ministers.

However, it is not the citizenry, who must endure the spectacle, that will decide when the government is dissolved. The parties will determine that. They will choose the moment they believe suits them best, so that they can blame each other.

Mr. Peres wants first to bring his scheme, fully wrapped up, to the cabinet table. And Mr. Shamir, perhaps not wholly confident about his Herut foes, is evidently prepared to wait for the Peres challenge, if he can't stop it.

Despite this object lesson in chaotic government, there may be a saving grace. Namely, if the government does indeed fall as the result of Mr. Peres's submission of a plan for direct peace negotiations under the umbrella of an international conference that carries the endorsement of Jordan, Egypt, the U.S. and the Soviet Union, then the election that follows will be contested over this issue.

The Israeli citizenry, after twenty years of unresolved internal debate, will be compelled to decide between the risks of compromise and peace and the risks of unyielding adherence to the status quo.

It is a showdown the nation has tried to avoid. It was able to do so for as long as there was no credible partner to negotiation. But if, as Mr. Peres insists, the partner has emerged there will be no choice.

For now that we have exported our differences, not only the citizenry, but also the nations with whom we must deal, most notably the U.S. and our neighbours, will finally want to know the answer to the fundamental question that President Lyndon Johnson put to Levi Eshkol after the Six Day War - "What kind of an Israel do you want?"

SHAMIR

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accepted his invitation and would pay a return visit to Israel in October.

"The European countries are in favour of an international peace conference on principle," Chirac stated after the meeting, adding that he had discussed the issue with Shamir at length, "but in a spirit of cooperation and not of contestation."

In Chirac's opinion, an international conference on the Middle East is something to be hoped for, but the results of the Palestine National Council's meeting in Algiers "seemed to make things much more difficult for the convening of such a conference."

Shamir and his wife Shulamit were welcomed yesterday morning at Orly airport by the French premier and Madame Chirac. After the traditional short conversation in the VIP lounge, the Israeli delegation was rushed to its quarters at the luxurious Hotel de Crillon, on the Place de la Concorde.

The two prime ministers had their first official talks in the afternoon, at Chirac's Palais Matignon residence. Chirac invited Shamir and his party for dinner at the Quai d'Orsay.

A source close to the French Foreign Ministry told The Post that Chirac wanted to show how good his relations with Israel were. "President Mitterrand always boasts of his close links with Shimon Peres," said the source. "Chirac had to do something with Shamir."

Shamir will meet with Mitterrand tomorrow.

Peres, who took time off yesterday to spend an hour at a Haifa University conference on the works of American novelist Saul Bellow, told reporters that "the international peace conference is very close, more than ever before." While refusing to comment on Ezer Weizman's "readiness" to meet Yasser Arafat, he described as "a grave mistake"

Likud Minister Moshe Arens's mission to Washington against the conference.

Speaking in Tel Aviv to a gathering of Labour Party activists from the "Masbov," "Arahim" and "Kfar Hayarok" groups, Peres said that the "group in the Likud" which opposed the plan for an international opening to direct peace negotiations "is the same group which opposed the Camp David accords and the withdrawal from Lebanon."

"If we had led Israel in accordance with their line," Peres said, "we would not have peace with Egypt and would be at war in Lebanon."

In a sharply worded statement after the meeting with Peres, the Labour activists said that the policies of Arafat and the Likud were "identical - they will both lead to a binational state."

The statement warned against the activities of the "Shamir-Arens rejectionist front," which is trying to enlist American support for its opposition to peace.

A member of the American Council on Foreign Relations confirmed to The Jerusalem Post yesterday that Jordan's King Hussein, as Peres has repeatedly said during the past few weeks, agrees with Peres that the international conference must serve merely as a launching pad for direct Israeli-Jordanian talks rather than as a decisive or coercive plenary body.

He said that Hussein, during a 90-minute meeting with members of the council last week, expressed the belief that the conference must be launched this year or else the peace process will have to be postponed for several years (due to American elections and other external factors).

Some members of the council, however, came away from the meeting in Amman with the feeling that Hussein was "tired, worn out" and pessimistic, and "hadn't the fight in him" required to take the plunge and embark on negotiations with Israel.

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ISRAEL AND THE DIASPORA

What a partnership really means

Gad Ya'acobi

RELATIONS between Israel and American Jewry may not be in a state of crisis, but a certain process has been set in motion which should give rise to concern. It is not a process which began with Jonathan Jay Pollard, though the Pollard affair has certainly been one important factor. It has been developing over a number of years and has been aggravated by the Lebanon war, the "correct economy," corruption scandals, revelations of waste and the functional deterioration of administration in Israel.

Phenomena and norms have, unfortunately, taken root in Israel in recent years which are not understood in Western countries, and are perceived as cultural and political decay, and the decline of the Jewish state.

This state of affairs is best manifested by two articles - two of many - which recently appeared in the American press. In the March 10, 1987 issue of The Washington Post, Jacob Neusner, an American professor and rabbi, published an article declaring that the real Promised Land was America. It's central message was that the time had come to declare that Zionism is not the main road for the Jewish people and that Jews are much safer, better able to flourish and express themselves in the U.S.

On March 15, an article was published in The New York Times which stated, in connection with the Pollard affair, that "it was the Israelis, not the Americans, who raised the problem of the dual loyalty of the

Jews of America."

Declarations in this spirit have been made in the past, but only rarely in public. Today, they are made in almost every meeting between Israelis and American Jews, and in public forums. The stigma previously attached to such "heresies" is gone.

It was several years ago that voices started to be heard within Western Jewry demanding that Israel on the one hand and Western Jewry, with its centre in the U.S., on the other, should be viewed as two centres of equal weight - two equal pillars of the Jewish world - Babylon and Jerusalem.

Now these voices are saying that it is the Israeli pillar which is unstable and sinking, despite assimilation and the problem of dual loyalty in the Diaspora.

EVER-GROWING sections of Western Jewry view us as a brother worthy of encouragement and assistance, but an increasingly problematic brother, dependent on outside economic aid, and a regular "troublemaker."

They point out, unfortunately with some justice, that even the Jews in distress prefer to change one Diaspora for another rather than come to Israel. This has happened with Jews from Argentina, South Africa, Iran and even the Soviet Union. We might still be ashamed to discover

that even if Soviet emigrants are flown directly to Israel, many will choose to continue westwards.

Without accepting the "two centre" thesis in ideological terms, we must take its prevalence abroad into account. While we should not give up our Zionist mission, and the World Zionist Organization ought to be reformed to pursue Zionist goals in their pure original sense, our relations with the Jewish people at large, whether carried out through the Jewish Agency or other avenues, should take this new reality into account.

While Zionism should deal with aliyah, there should be a simultaneous system of relations not based on charity on the one hand and our attacks on the Diaspora on the other, but on a partnership. It should be a partnership covering many spheres - economics, science, the adoption of development towns and slum areas in Israel by Jewish communities abroad, and Israeli participation in Jewish education abroad. I see the Operation Independence Task Force as one framework within such a partnership.

A partnership means that rather than pass moral judgement on and criticize each other, we should open an honest and free dialogue in which we can discuss our mutual problems, reservations and disagreements.

If the existing process is allowed to continue, there is the danger of the gap between us growing and creating a tragic rupture, which will benefit neither Zionism nor world Jewry. The writer is economics minister.

Two reasons why Israel must keep the West Bank

Harry W. Weber

RECENTLY Abba Eban and several other Knesset members, including Yossi Sarid, Rafi Edri, Uzi Baram, and Shulamit Aloni, founded a body called "The International Centre for Peace in the Middle East." Its ads proclaim the group's goal of encouraging intensified Mideast peace efforts in 1987. What the ad omits is the means that the group is prepared to take to achieve that most worthy goal.

Those means can be understood by reading Eban's article in The New York Times of November 9, 1986. In it, he states that if "Israel were able to disengage safely from the West Bank, it would serve the Palestinian people as well as its own values and interests." In other words, Eban and the International Centre for Peace in the Middle East propose nothing less than unilateral Israeli appeasement of the Arabs. A further examination of this essay reveals fatal fallacies, blatant biases, and unfounded assumptions that he shares with his fellow members of the organization. Let us analyse the group's platform - as enunciated in Eban's article.

First, it is shocking that at a time when Arabs throughout the area are becoming more fundamentalist, more fanatical, and more virulently anti-Israeli, Eban proposes such monumentally one-sided concessions.

But much more basic is the flaw in this group's policy. They don't understand, as Israelis who live under Arab rule do, that Arabs have far more respect for power than for well-intended concessions - which they view as sure signs of weakness. To be pursued for further concessions. As Moshe Arens likes to point out, "Israel is in the Mideast, not the Midwest." The gulf between the Western Jewish psyche and the Arab psyche is vast indeed - and with Arab radicalism on the rise, that gulf is widening not narrowing.

Furthermore, if there is one issue on which Israelis are almost unanimous, it is never to re-divide its capital, Jerusalem, nor surrender any part of it. Does this new Peace Now group really think that without the transfer of East Jerusalem to Arab control there will be peace? (It should be noted that Sarid, a member of this group, has no qualms at all about surrendering part of Jerusalem to Arab control). In fact, what makes these people think that even the complete surrender of every inch of Judea and Samaria including Jerusalem will satisfy the PLO and the other Arab states? To this day the Arabs declare that "liberated" Palestine must include Haifa and Tel Aviv.

In claiming that Israeli sovereignty over the West Bank is not irreversible, Eban reminds us that "in Israel, as in most countries, rhetoric is one thing and policy is another." It's also true that in many countries, relentless rhetoric has overwhelmed policy, and itself become policy - as it has in the Arab countries for the past 40 years. Only the victory of relentless rhetoric over prudent policy can explain the Arabs' nearly unanimous refusal to negotiate with Israel or recognize its right to exist, in any form whatsoever, to this very day.

The "Eban group," like many Israelis, is understandably tired of war. But to "project" our national wish for peace onto the other side, without sufficient verification of its existence, is the height of folly and self-deception. They are ready to cede Judea and Samaria, they say, in

order to retain the Jewish character, and democratic traditions of the State of Israel. Will they be prepared to cede Galilee in the near future, for those same reasons? Where will this salami policy lead us?

The "appease now" group has high hopes for the effectiveness of the demilitarization of the West Bank as a way of achieving Israel's security. But, how does it propose to guarantee that the Arabs remain faithful to a demilitarization agreement? The Arab states have a consistently atrocious record of treaty violations.

EBAN emphasizes that security can be "insured, above all, by deterrent power." But, what kind of deterrent power is there on this earth that can stop a blitzkrieging armoured division roaring from Tulkarm on the West Bank to Netanya on the coast, separated as they are by a mere 14 kilometres? The only deterrent to such a potential danger is the maintenance of Judea and Samaria as a buffer zone.

To buttress his arguments, Eban claims that most of Israel's chiefs of general staff are anti-annexation and that only eight of 120 Knesset members voted for annexation earlier this year. The fact is that most military leaders, and the politicians who voted as they did, are opposed to formal annexation for diplomatic ("what will the world say?") and demographic reasons. However, they are equally opposed to ceding sovereignty over the West Bank to Jordan, or to a PLO dominated government that would be able to send terror squads at will across Israel's longest border.

Eban cites the "lack of emotional magnetism" by Israelis for Judea and Samaria. However, he "forgets" that for 10 years, from the Six Day

War until Menachem Begin's election as prime minister, the government, under Labour Party domination, had been hostile to Jewish settlement in what is an integral part of historic Israel. That policy more than anything else prevented Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria.

The solution to the problem of the West Bank does not lie in the two extremes of annexation or secession. There are other possibilities. Arabs living in Judea and Samaria should enjoy local autonomy and individual rights but must accept the fact that in the Jewish State they will not be granted the right to vote on national issues. That may not be totally democratic but is necessitated by countervailing demographic considerations that threaten the survival of a Jewish majority in Israel. Those Arabs who wish to realize nationalist aspirations must look across the Jordan River where Palestinians, comprising 70 per cent of the population, would have complete control of the country, had a democratic government been in place.

Israel must retain Judea and Samaria because they are absolutely vital to its security, but primarily because they were leased to Israel in perpetuity by G-d, as part of our homeland, and are not ours to give away under any circumstances. If we fear G-d, we will not have to fear our enemies.

Finally, Eban and his fellow politicians point out that "diplomacy is not theology." Well, theology, thank G-d, is not diplomacy. Diplomacy, very often is G-dless and immoral as has been demonstrated throughout the ages. Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, once said "what is important is not what the gentiles say, but what the Jews do." He was on the right track, but as an irreligious man - was only half right. He should have added "and the Jews must do what G-d says."

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VIBRANT UPTREND OF ORTHODOXY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - I wonder if Eli Lederbender ("Without doubt there is no chance of dialogue" - April 5) noticed a small item of news on the front page of The Jerusalem Post four days after his own article appeared. For the third year in succession, the Orthodox city of Bnei Brak has registered the lowest rate of violence of all cities in Israel. Halacha is not concerned only with theological discussion, but also with the application of eternal Torah principles to the problems of everyday life.

Here are some other facts which, as a teacher of modern Jewish history, he should know. Only the Orthodox community has responded to the demographic challenge posed by the murder of 6 million Jews and the establishment of the State of Israel, which desperately needs more Jews. Ben-Gurion was well aware of this challenge and suggested that the average Jewish family should consist of six children. Unfortunately, none of his secular friends (including, on his own evidence, his wife Paula) took any notice of him; they lacked the strict self-discipline of Halacha. Many of them befuddled themselves with world humanistic slogans like "zero population growth," "family limitation," and "abortion on demand," which were totally at variance with the needs of the Jewish people.

All of the European Torah centres were destroyed by the Nazis. In the 40 years since World War II, two or three new centres have been established for each one destroyed. This has been achieved only by superhuman efforts and enormous self-sacrifice on the part of dedicated people all over the world. A new feature of Torah society is the accepted practice of young men and women to spend a year or more at a Torah centre as part of their general education. This has helped to create a learned laity, conscious of its history and heritage. A new phenomenon, which did not exist before

the Holocaust, is the growth of Ba'alai Teshuva yeshivot to guide people back to their Torah roots.

Tora society has kept clear of drug taking, AIDS, etc., and the number of broken homes in its ranks is a small fraction of those in the secular community. The number of Orthodox olim to Israel far exceeds the number of yordim; the Orthodox yordim do not assimilate, leaving reasonable hope that their children or grandchildren will return here.

Eli Lederbender can be assured that Tora-observant Jews have spent no less anguished thought than their secular counterparts on trying to understand the meaning of Auschwitz. But they know that Jewish history did not start in the 20th century, and that the problem does not differ in principle from those posed by the Chetichki massacres, the Crusades, the Hadrianic persecutions, or the martyrdom of Rabbi Akiva and his companions. The theological problem involved does not depend on numbers. Considerable insight into the problem of human suffering can be found in various books of the Bible. They do not provide a complete answer: this is one of the classic problems for which human beings who are finite and imperfect (at least we agree on this) cannot achieve a complete answer. According to the Talmud, it remained a puzzle even to Moses, the greatest human being.

But in its practical reaction to the Holocaust, Tora Jewry has been impelled by a burning determination to ensure that Hitler's dastardly final solution is utterly and completely defeated, and that Jewry emerges more vigorous physically and spiritually than it was before the Holocaust. It is because Tora Jews feel that their efforts are beginning to bear fruit that, in Rabbi Carmel's terminology (March 24), their life shows a "vibrant confident uptrend."

CYRIL DOMB

Jerusalem.

MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - I refer to Sarah Honig's article of April 10: "Like clockwork." As one among the many who said "good riddance" when Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz resigned from his post as Minister of the Interior, I consider that to bring him back to the government would be a calamity for the people of Israel whom he is unfit to serve.

Moreover, it would be an affront to the memory of the children who were killed in the accident at the level crossing of Hof Habonim, an appalling event which elicited from the then Minister of the Interior a comment still remembered with re-

vulsion in Israel today for its callousness.

Those political leaders who have been flirting with Shas should be reminded that the Ministry of the Interior is an office much too important to be left in the hands of one whose record in the conduct of the ministry's affairs is such that the least said of it is the better. I urge the powers that be to keep Rabbi Peretz and his kin well away from our policy-making body and thus prevent the reputation enjoyed by politics in this country from sinking still lower.

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